

RUSSIA'S NEW
PREMIER; WHAT
CHANGES MEAN

Indications Are Prince Goltzine's Appointment May Represent Victory for Progressive Elements—Uncertainty Exists

Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from its European Bureau
LONDON, England (Thursday)—There is little information from Russia as to the meaning of the latest changes in the Government. These changes have followed in rapid succession. M. Trepoff, who has now resigned the premiership and Ministry of Communications, was in office little more than six weeks, succeeding M. Stürmer who had been Premier for nine months, and who fell because of his supposed complicity in secret peace negotiations between unauthorized but influential personages in Russia and Germany. These negotiations proved entirely fruitless in the face of the complete unity of the mass of the Russian people, its Army and most of its political leaders with their allies.

In the absence of further information it is uncertain whether Prince Goltzine's appointment represents a victory for the Progressive elements or not; but such evidence as there is points to this. In the Council of the Empire, recently, when the question of "dark forces" was debated and a strong resolution was passed, he delivered a very courageous and outspoken speech expressing himself dubious as to whether the Trepoff Government could, in fact, pass from words to deeds. He was doubtful, he said, while the system of nominating ministers remained as it was. The demand of the Duma and Progressive elements in Russia, generally, is, of course, for a ministry responsible to the people, or at least working closely and harmoniously with the Zemstvos and municipal councils.

In his speech, Prince Goltzine demanded that M. Trepoff should say whether he had power to carry out his reforms without interference by the "dark forces," by which he meant to include, of course, Gregory Rasputin, assassinated shortly afterwards. Prince Goltzine had not, he said, the slightest fear of Germany, but there was danger of internal collapse, and he insisted that the only minister who could unite the country would be one who would form a government of men, enjoying the confidence of the country, and free from the interference of "dark forces."

It is difficult to imagine from such utterances that Prince Goltzine will not form a government in line with the Duma's wishes, but the latter has had experience of Progressive expressions being followed by reactionary deeds, and will probably wait until it sees the composition of his ministry.

If the Government contains M. Protopopoff, Minister of Interior, a politician who professed very progressive sentiments until appointed to office and then developed into a pronounced reactionary, finally prohibiting congresses of Zemstvos and municipal councils, the Duma will probably decide that the Goltzine Government is no better than its predecessor.

The resignation of Count Ignatieff, Minister of Public Instruction, and of M. Neratoff, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, who has been appointed member of the Council of Empire, will probably cause regret to the Duma. The former was particularly an honest administrator who worked with great energy and enthusiasm in the cause of education and it is stated his resignation was due to the continuance of the hostility of the Duma.

M. Neratoff was trained in the Sazonoff school. As to M. Trepoff himself, he appears to have honestly desired to make changes in the direction of the wishes expressed by the Duma, Assembly of Nobles and others for closer contact between the Government and people, but has failed. The Russian papers display considerable anxiety as to these developments, the new paper Russkaya Volya declaring that in these latest days Russia has suffered much, but we never before realized so vividly that the fatherland was in danger.

BATTLESHIP SUNK
IN MEDITERRANEAN

LONDON, England (Thursday)—The British battleship Cornwallis was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean sea on Tuesday, the Admiralty announced today.

The battleship Cornwallis was built in 1901 and displaced 14,000 tons. Of 18,000 horsepower, the vessel could develop a speed of 19 knots an hour. Its complement of men was 750. Its armament consisted of 4 12-inch guns, 12 6-inch guns, 12 12-pounders, 6 3-pounders, 2 Maxims and 4 torpedo tubes.

Denies Shannon Was Sunk

Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from its European Bureau
LONDON, England (Thursday)—The Admiralty states that there is no truth in the Basler Anzeiger's report (which came from the official press bureau in Berlin) that the English armored cruiser Shannon, 14,600 tons, was sunk at the end of last November by a mine on the south coast of England.



Drawn for The Christian Science Monitor from Bain photograph
Alexander Trepoff

M. DESCHANEL
SPEAKS ON THE
ALLIES' PROGRAM

Delivery of Belgium and Restitution of Alsace-Lorraine Two First Conditions, He Tells Chamber of Deputies

PARIS, France (Thursday)—The first two things on the Allied program are delivery of Belgium and restitution of Alsace-Lorraine—these only will compensate for the sacrifices we have made, avenge our losses and assure our children durable peace," M. Deschanel declared today in opening the Chamber of Deputies.

In his address he hinted at what the Allies propose to accomplish before they will hear peace propositions.

BRITISH RAIDS
SHOW WEAKNESS
IN GERMAN LINES

Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from its European Bureau
LONDON, England (Thursday)—In an interview today, General Maurice drew attention of neutral journalists, including The Christian Science Monitor representative, to the weakness shown in the German lines by British raids. The raid referred to in the communiqué published today which occurred on Tuesday night in Beaumont-Hamel neighborhood was carried out by only 100 men, led by two subalterns and a captain, yet, in addition to inflicting important losses on the Germans they brought back 140 prisoners. Another raid, which occurred last night secured over 150 prisoners.

In these raids, General Maurice said the British were steadily mopping up prisoners and keeping the Germans restless. Apart from raids, of course, there is little doing along the western front in present conditions of mud.

Touching on the question whether the British were putting their full weight in the land fighting in the West, General Maurice showed conclusively that they were undoubtedly doing so. The question, he showed, was not really how many miles were the British holding, but how many Germans were they engaging. The line of battle as shown on the map in General Maurice's room showed the British front as only roughly one fifth of the total line but against approximately 90 miles of the British front as great a body of German troops was concentrated as against 230 miles of the French front, extending from the Swiss frontier to within a short distance of Rheims.

Moreover, the conditions on the British front were exceptionally difficult. Flander mud was so notorious and to this had to be added the Somme country so plowed up by British artillery as to make an advance impossible. From these facts General Maurice claimed it was clear that, despite certain criticisms in the American press and elsewhere the British were putting their full weight into the fight.

MAINE GOVERNOR
PLEASED WITH EDICT

PORTLAND, Me.—Although the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States declaring constitutional the Webb-Kenyon law which prohibits the shipment of liquor from wet to dry states does not affect Maine at present, yet Governor Milliken was much gratified at it, says a special to the Express-Advertiser from Augusta.

BOLD STROKE IN
SPAIN SUCCEEDS;
CABINET IS INTACT

Government Now Faces the Difficulties Before the Country With Increased Confidence

Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from its European Bureau
MADRID, Spain (Thursday)—The short-lived crisis is over and the Liberal Government stands intact. The bold stroke of the Premier, Count de Romanones, has succeeded completely and by the consent of all the total result is complete failure of the efforts of the German party, some consequences of which are likely soon to be apparent. There are strong suspicions that the German Ambassador, Prince de Ratibor, has exceeded his privileges and his probable recall is being generally discussed.

After a short consultation with his colleagues, following upon the interview with the King, Count de Romanones announced that, according to the King's desire and the desire also of the leaders of the Conservatives, including Senor Maura, he would remain in office. Thus the Government is immeasurably strengthened, and, following upon the recent plain speaking to Berlin and the refusal to endorse the peace scheme, will be able to approach the existing difficulty which faces the country with greatly increased confidence.

In the Cabinet there are no difficulties. The Premier's colleagues were naturally restive under the violent attacks to which the Government was being subjected by pro-Germans and wished him to take some action. This he decided to do some days ago, and now there is complete satisfaction.

It is reported that the Minister of Finance, Senor Alba, has had differences with his colleagues, but the only trouble has been regarding the date of the reopening of the Cortes which some have desired to postpone until the spring, whereas Senor Alba, with an enormous quantity of important work on hand wished the reopening this month. The Premier now announces that the Cortes will reopen on Jan. 29.

An official statement had been issued explaining that the resignation of the Government was the only possible solution to the situation. The Government had delayed, on account of the receipt of President Wilson's note, taking steps already decided upon, not wishing to complicate matters by making an already existing partial crisis a complete crisis.

At the first suitable opportunity the Cabinet submitted the question of confidence to the Crown. Berlin comment received in Spain is to the effect that they cannot understand how Spain should now suddenly play England's game in repeating state criticisms against Germany which had long since been disposed of. The Spanish people are appealed to not to support a policy which helps England, which so often, has been anti-Spanish.

Meanwhile, the Premier has now got the mandate for which he asked.

"DRY" OFFICER WARNS
NEW YORK CENTRAL

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Unless the New York Central Railroad Company issues an order within a week entirely prohibiting the sale of liquor on trains, or restricting it to "wet" territory in which it is lawful, the Anti-Saloon League of New York will ask for the arrest of Alfred H. Smith, president of the road, it was announced here last night by William H. Anderson, State superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, who says he has personally gathered evidence on which to base a complaint against the New York Central.

LITTLE FEAR OF
AN INVASION OF
SWISS TERRITORY

Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from its European Bureau
LONDON, England (Thursday)—The Christian Science Monitor representative is informed in reliable quarters that little fear is felt of rumors of a possible German invasion into Switzerland. The Christian Science Monitor informant referred to previous occasions when rumors had been circulated of possible German action, rumors which almost invariably were circulated with the intention of diverting attention from quite different activities on the part of Germany.

Ready for Eventualities
Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from its European Bureau
PARIS, France (Thursday)—When interviewed by the Matin, General Wille, commander-in-chief of the Swiss army, referred to the reports of a possible German offensive through Switzerland. The Confederation, he said, was neutral and would defend its neutrality against anyone. We have taken precautions, he added, where it is necessary to do so. The Swiss army is watchful and is ready to make any sacrifice for its honor.

HIGHER PRICES
FOR MILK IS THE
AIM OF FARMERS

Producers Who Are Forming New England Organization Here Expect to Raise the Cost to the Consumers

At a meeting of about 50 members of the old New England Milk Producers Association at the Quincy House today the association was formally merged with the recently organized New England Milk Producers Association. Reports for the past year were read and accepted, and resolutions were adopted thanking the outgoing officers for their efforts in behalf of the association, and especially their activities in securing the increase in the prices paid the farmers for their milk by the contractors last fall. The final details of organizing the new association were also considered.

Higher prices for their product is one of the objects of the new association, the leaders of which hope to enlist in its ranks all of the milk producers in six states and some in New York, numbering 25,000, with the main purpose of controlling the milk supply of the large cities and towns in the northeastern part of the country.

The constitution of the new association was adopted yesterday after considerable debate over various sections, and today the merger of the old association with the new will be accomplished.

The officers of the old association will continue in office until the first annual meeting which will be held on Feb. 22.

The old officers are: President, E. O. Colby of Whitefield, N. H.; Secretary, Richard Pattee of Laconia, N. H.

VISIT TO GERMAN
MAIN HEADQUARTERS

Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from its European Bureau
AMSTERDAM, Holland (Thursday)—The German Chancellor went on Tuesday to main headquarters while Count Czernin left Dresden for Vienna. A Sofia telegram says M. Jekoff has expressed to King Ferdinand great satisfaction with the result of his recent visit to German headquarters.

The Emperor Karl went to Austrian headquarters on Tuesday and received the Bulgarian Crown Prince, Archduke Karl Stefan and Karl Albrecht, Count Czernin, Major-General, von Cramon, German military plenipotentiary; General Kuk, Military Governor of Lublin; Baron Krobatin, War Minister, and Count Tarnowski, Austro-Hungarian Ambassador to America.

AUSTRIAN PRELATE
FORCED TO QUIT ROME

BERLIN, Germany (Thursday)—(via wireless to Sayville)—The Overseas News Agency gives out the following:

"The Prelate Knight von Gerlach, (Mgr. Gerlach), First Acting Private Chamberlain to his Holiness, has been forced to leave Rome and has arrived at Lugano (Switzerland). He was the only German prelate in the Pope's retinue."

"The Entente, through the intermediary of the Italian Government, urgently insisted upon his departure, although he belonged to the personal service of the Holy Father, and the Vatican had to submit to the unprecedented coercion of the Entente."

URUGUAY ELECTION DATE
MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay—A general election will be held in Uruguay next Sunday. The White, Rivera, and Roman Catholic parties have joined forces against the Government party, which has been in office 45 years.

NOTE OF ALLIES
ON PEACE MOVE
IS RECEIVED

President Wilson to Study Document in Privacy of White House—May Confer With Secretary Lansing Later in Day

Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from its Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, D. C.—The reply of the Entente powers to the note of President Wilson was received this morning.

It was at once decoded and was placed on Secretary Lansing's desk at noon. The President will study the document this afternoon in the privacy of the White House and may consult with the Secretary Lansing later today.

It is understood that the text of the note will be available for publication 48 hours after its receipt by the President, but it is not decided yet as to whether it will be given to the press in Paris or Washington.

Great interest is attached to the Entente reply, as it is considered to be the final chapter in the present international correspondence on the subject of peace.

All that is positively known concerning the President's intentions up to the hour of the receipt of the reply, is that he has been hopeful that the position taken by the Entente will make possible a continuance of negotiations.

No Terms Expected

Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from its European Bureau
LONDON, England (Thursday)—A representative of The Christian Science Monitor European Bureau was informed yesterday in authoritative quarters it was unlikely that the note to President Wilson would contain specific Entente peace terms or sensational statements, such as promised by yesterday's papers.

Note From Entente

Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from its European Bureau
PARIS, France (Thursday)—M. Briand yesterday received Mr. Sharp, the American Ambassador, and handed him in the name of the Entente countries the reply to President Wilson's note and with it the reply of the Belgian Government expressing its adhesion to the joint reply and at the same time expressing its great gratitude to America for the latter's generosity in helping the Belgian people and its sympathy with the peculiar situation of Belgium forced to go to war owing to the violation of its neutrality.

It is understood the reply will be published tomorrow so as to insure that President Wilson will know its contents before it is published in the press.

Socialist Move to End War

CHICAGO, Ill.—The National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of America today made a new move to end the war. By cable and wireless messages it was requested that an international Socialist congress be called June 3, 1917, to initiate an immediate and lasting peace. The following message was sent to international headquarters at The Hague: "Convinced that the time is ripe for a revival of the Socialist international on the basis of a concerted working-class movement for an immediate, just and lasting peace, the Socialist Party of the United States requests that an international congress be called June 3, 1917, at The Hague. Unless by March 1 the bureau takes steps to call such a congress, our party will consider itself justified in taking direct initiative."

Turkish Proclamation

Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from its European Bureau
CONSTANTINOPLE, Turkey (Thursday)—A telegram says the Sultan, has issued a proclamation to the Army on the Entente's rejection of the peace offer.

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ENGLAND HEARS
OF THE ENTENTE
PEACE ATTITUDE

Mr. Lloyd George Tells Great Gathering at Guildhall That a Real Peace Is the Only Settlement Possible for Allies

LONDON, England (Thursday)—Scenes of tumultuous enthusiasm were witnessed today, not only in the historic Guildhall itself but in all the streets adjoining, on the occasion of the meeting convened to launch what is everywhere described as the "victory loan." Ministers as they arrived at the Guildhall were accorded a tumultuous reception from the thousands who jammed the streets and seized eagerly upon every vantage point. The Guildhall was filled to its utmost capacity, and the appearance of Mr. Lloyd George on the platform was a signal for an outburst of cheering rarely heard even on such occasions.

Mr. Lloyd George was accompanied by another former Chancellor of the Exchequer in the person of Reginald McKenna, and by the present Chancellor, Mr. Bonar Law.

It was the Prime Minister's first public pronouncement, since his great speech in the House of Commons in which he rejected Germany's aims and purposes of his new ministry, and his statement had been eagerly looked forward to. With characteristic directness he went straight to the heart of the matter and placed the whole question just where Allied sentiment most surely places it. "We did not reject peace terms," he declared bluntly amidst cheers. "No terms were offered. We were only offered a trap baited with fine words."

Speaking further on the question of peace, Mr. Lloyd George said: "We all want peace, but it must be a real peace. War is preferable to Prussian domination of Europe."

"The best security for peace of the future will come when nations are banded together to punish the first peace breaker."

"The Kaiser told his people the Allies rejected peace, so as to drag those he couldn't drag."

"The Prussian menace is a running mortgage detracting from our national security. It will be cleared off forever at a better rate of interest."

"The Allies have made that clear in their reply to Germany and clearer still in their reply to the United States."

Referring to the conference of the Entente nations at Rome recently, the Prime Minister said:

"All the Allies felt that if victory was difficult, a defeat was impossible. Arrangements were made there to deal with the whole situation."

Regarding the loan, for which the meeting was called, Mr. Lloyd George said:

"A successful loan will help shorten the war, will save lives and will save the British Empire and Europe's civilization."

"The grim resolution reached at the Rome conference was to rid the world of unspeakable despotism."

"With proper support our gallant armies will cleave the road to victory during 1917."

The Prime Minister cited the new war loan offered by England as an attractive investment which "demonstrated the Nation's continued resolve to prosecute the war."

The terms of the "victory loan" were outlined by Mr. Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer. The loan will be at 5 per cent, issued at 95, and for a term of 30 years with bonds optionally redeemable at the end of 12 years.

Mr. Bonar Law explained also an optional loan offer at four per cent which would be free of tax. This would be issued at par.

Great Interest Aroused

Attention of United Kingdom Focused on Guildhall Meeting

Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from its European Bureau
LONDON, England (Thursday)—Regarding the Rome conference there is little to add to the details already cabled or to the developments reported in yesterday's cable regarding the Guildhall meeting. Members of that conference have made it quite clear that one decision reached was to maintain absolute reserve on the character of its decisions.

M. Briand has stated that during their discussions on various questions they arrived at perfect agreement and decided to coordinate still more their plans and efforts. That was the object of the conference, which had been achieved. These prompt decisions are expected to be followed by equally prompt action and in a short editorial today The Times says the conference will prove to be the turning point of the war.

More than one vital decision was reached with that completeness of harmony only possible for statesmen who have all facts before them and are singleminded in their determination to set the cause of all above the national interests of each. It indicates that on the momentous decisions (Continued on page six, column three)

PROGRESS OF AGRICULTURE IN SOUTH AFRICA

Primitive Methods Replaced by Self-Binder and Up-to-Date Threshing Machine—Cape Fruit Sold in U. S. Markets

Special to The Christian Science Monitor
CHICAGO, Ill.—The G. W. Reincke of the School of Agriculture, Potchefstroom, Transvaal, South Africa, now at the University of Illinois, College of Agriculture, Champaign, Ill., in an outline of the progress of agriculture in South Africa, prepared for The Christian Science Monitor, says:

"The Union of South Africa is a territory covering 473,000 square miles. It is a self-governing British dominion exactly analogous to Canada, Australia and New Zealand, made up of four provinces—the Transvaal, the Free State, Natal and the Cape Province. The last named consists of the old Cape Colony and British Bechuanaland.

"The rainfall throughout South Africa varies considerably from the West to the East Coast. There is a gradual increase in the precipitation, from five to ten inches in the extreme west, through 18 to 30 inches in the middle territories, to 50 inches on the East Coast. In the southern and southwestern districts of the Cape Province the rain falls during the winter months, April to September; the summer months, October to March, being comparatively dry. In the Transvaal, Free State and Natal, the eastern and midland districts of the Cape Province, the seasons of rainfall are exactly reversed.

"Agriculture has been one of the main industries in South Africa since the earliest time. Australia made her first importations of merino sheep from the Cape Colony. The British army in India about the '60s looked to South Africa for her supply of cavalry horses. Although the type of Cape horse or Boer horse famous then as a cavalry remount was almost stamped out by the Anglo-Boer War, the rolling plains of the Free State and the high veldt of the Transvaal still produce a similar type of horse, except that he has more English thoroughbred than Arab blood in him now. The writer, from his experience in the recent South African campaigns, can testify to the fact that the Boer horse is still unequaled at home as a cavalry remount—and as a buckler!

"The country back of Cape Town for a radius of a hundred miles or so is the oldest, agriculturally, within the history of the white man. This area, called the Western Province of the Cape, has been devoted to mixed farming and the growing of wheat since the days of the first Dutch settlers in 1652. The wine industry, which is confined to this part of the Union, dates back to 1653, when the vine was introduced from Germany. The French Huguenots, from whom so many of the Dutch South Africans are descended, arrived from southern France in 1685. They brought with them training in the business. There was a marked deterioration in the product during the closing years of the last century, and the beginning of the present one.

"Primitive methods of sowing, harvesting and threshing the wheat crop were in vogue up to 16 or 17 years ago. The cutting of the crop by 'spans' of native boys (gangs of Negroes) was a universal custom, and the writer has himself assisted in the primitive method of threshing wheat by driving a troop of 30 or 40 horses over layers of wheat straw spread out over a circular threshing floor. The farmers were then dependent on the prevailing afternoon breeze from the west for the winnowing of their grain.

"These methods have been replaced by the self-binder and the modern threshing machine. The old system of sowing the wheat by hand, and the custom of leaving the land to lie idle for five years, after five years of continuous wheat growing, are rapidly being succeeded by the use of the wheat drill, and the application of artificial fertilizers in conjunction with barnyard dressing. Above all, farmers are beginning to realize the value of a system of crop rotation and the advantages of green fertilizers.

"Just prior to the Boer War farmers began to lay out orchards of improved varieties of peaches, pears and Japanese plums. The fruit industry developed rapidly after the war, due in large measure to the good work of California trained men in the employ of the Rhodes Fruit Farms Company. The activities of this company, then full of the energy of Cecil Rhodes himself, created a market for the Cape fruit in London. The export trade of fruit, both citrus and stone, is today perhaps the best organized of any of the Union's overseas export trades. The products coming to the Northern Hemisphere, out of season, command high prices. Cape fruit can be bought in the New York and Chicago markets. The South African fruit industry promises a great expansion in the coming years.

"Certain parts of the Midlands and the whole of the Northwestern districts of the Cape Province constitute the arid portions of the Union of South Africa. This arid tract, called the 'Karoo', is essentially devoted to pastoral pursuits. Here the wild ostrich still roams, and herds of springbok and other antelope are common. The country is but sparsely grassed. It supports the growth of a variety of nutritious shrubs, however, such as the 'brakbosch' (salt bush), 'ganna', 'bibo' and others, on which sheep not only subsist but fatten in a wonderful way. Most of the farms are from 10,000 to 20,000 acres in extent, and private owned ranges of 40,000 acres are not uncommon. The flocks of

sheep belonging to one man would usually amount to from 1000 to 5000 head, in addition to his horses, cattle and ostriches. Wherever men have succeeded in exploiting the underground water supply or storing water, for the growing of alfalfa, the prosperity with ostrich and sheep farming has been phenomenal. As many as nine cuttings of alfalfa per annum have been obtained from some of these 'Karoo' soils under irrigation, with a maximum yield per cutting of two tons of hay per acre.

"Certain districts of the North West Cape are now producing large quantities of wheat. The work of the South African Milling Company on its estates near Calvinia may be cited. The Zak River, which overflows into this district annually, is made to cover the company's land. The ground is laid out somewhat on the scheme of the rice fields of California. Levees or low walls are thrown up every 200 to 800 yards, and the bottom of these shallow reservoirs are covered with water to a depth of six or eight inches, the excess water being drawn off at the highest point to fill up another of these checks. As soon as the water charged with silt has soaked away, the land is plowed, worked up to a fine tilth, and then sown to wheat. Under this system, a 30-fold return of grain is common, even without any further irrigation. The South African Milling Company has been raising average annual crops of 200,000 bushels of wheat, and is extending the scope of its operations."

UNITED STATES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETS

Annual Gathering to Consider Reforms Advocated by Local Branches in Large Cities

Special to The Christian Science Monitor from its Eastern Bureau

NEW YORK, N. Y.—A number of important subjects will come before the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States at Washington from Jan. 31 to Feb. 2. The Philadelphia Board of Trade asks for a referendum on the subject of Government ownership of public utilities. The Cleveland Chamber of Commerce urges action which will facilitate the negotiation of a commercial treaty between this country and Russia to enable American manufacturers to introduce their goods into Russia under the most favorable terms which it is possible to obtain. The chamber also asks the National Chamber to consider its proposal that the new Tariff Commission shall contain not only tariff experts, but also a representative of business men of practical experience in foreign trade, a representative of the banking interests engaged in foreign trade, and one or more representatives of diplomatic experience, the entire commission to be practically nonpartisan.

The Minneapolis Chamber asks for the consideration of a resolution declaring that no bill of lading shall contain any clause, sentence or word that will in any sense limit or minimize the liability of common carriers.

The Chamber of Commerce of Jamestown submits a proposal increasing the salaries of the members of the Federal Tariff Commission, which were fixed by Congress at \$7500 a year. The Philadelphia Bourse proposes that Congress shall provide for the compilation of official information concerning the movement of merchandise upon our inland and coastal waters, in order that the useless expenditures of no value to commerce may be prevented.

The National Chamber will also consider the report made by its Committee on Daylight Saving. The committee recommends that all clocks be set forward permanently, but if this is not deemed advisable, that clocks be advanced for one hour from April 1 to Nov. 30 of each year.

RUSSIAN VIEW OF TRADE WITH JAPAN

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

TOKIO, Japan.—In the Shin Nippon, a Russian writer gives the Russian view of trade between this country and Japan. Indirectly showing how an improvement could be effected, the Russian writer declares that the disappointment of the Russians is not solely a result of the activity of Jewish agents, but is caused by Japanese traders willingly accepting orders from buyers at low prices and accepting inferior goods. He says that the Japanese merchants, and not these agents, should be held responsible for inferior goods forwarded to Russia. The Japanese merchants, he continues, have more capital and are better established in trade than any small Jewish traders now staying at Osaka. The Japanese themselves should therefore accept responsibility for the inferior products sold to Russia through the Jewish agents in question. The writer regrets that Japanese merchants doing an extensive business should sacrifice their best interests by sending out articles of an inferior grade.

FOOD SUPPLY TO BE DISCUSSED AT DINNER

Special to The Christian Science Monitor from its Eastern Bureau

NEW YORK, N. Y.—At a dinner to be given by George W. Perkins at the Biltmore tonight in honor of Mayor Mitchell and Governor Whitman, the food supply situation in the northeastern seaboard states will be considered. Among those present will be Governor-elect Walter Edge of New Jersey, food investigation committees of Massachusetts, Vermont and Rhode Island, Governor Whitman's Market Commission, the executive committee of the Mayor's Food Supply Committee and the Wicks Legislative Committee.

PROHIBITION SURELY ON WAY SAY EDITORS

Leading Southern Newspapers All Voice "Dry" Sentiment—"Temperance Desires of Organized Business"

Special to The Christian Science Monitor from its Southern Bureau

ATLANTA, Ga.—The more responsible newspapers of the South are, of course, practically at one in their condemnation of the liquor traffic, and outside of New Orleans, La., and Jacksonville, Fla., there is hardly a southern city of importance whose whole press is not on record as opposed to liquor. The developments in Congress in connection with the prohibition amendment to the United States Constitution have brought forth from the southern press (the practically unanimous opinion that liquor is doomed. The following comment from Josephus Daniels' paper, the News and Observer of Raleigh, N. C., may be said to be typical of southern newspaper opinion.

"The movement for National prohibition is gaining momentum more quickly than its most ardent champions had hoped for. The country was hardly prepared for the news that the House Judiciary Committee had reported favorably a bill providing for the submission of a constitutional amendment banning liquor.

"For one reason or another the people of the country are waking up to the economic folly of licensing a trade which saps the life of the people. Perhaps one of the most powerful incentives to the formation of this rapidly developing public opinion has been the attitude of the belligerent nations. Those countries in the throes of a struggle that demanded that they put forth their best efforts found that they could not do so without limiting to the lowest possible minimum the use of strong drink. The conclusion was immediately formed in this country that if a country at war could not reach the maximum of its efficiency without banning liquor the same thing is true of a nation at peace.

"The outspoken position of public men in favor of the proposed change in the national organic law also has been a force for the growth of the sentiment for national prohibition. Mr. Bryan's emphatic stand for banning alcohol has been a tremendous influence.

"The rapid increase in the number of states and smaller units of government in adopting prohibition also has had a part in developing the conviction that national prohibition is desirable. It is impossible to keep back a real reform when once the hard-headed American voter sees where it is needed for the best interests of his country."

In a later editorial, Mr. Daniels' paper recounts the benefits brought to North Carolina by prohibition, and damages one of liquor's favorite arguments as follows:

"The favorite argument of the advocates of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, of the men who believe in the saloons, is that when the sale of intoxicants is forbidden by law that there is a great decrease in business. It is set out before the people of the State in which prohibition is urged that if there is no liquor sold in the towns and cities that there will be a big loss of trade.

"There have been people in the past who have been caught by such flimsy, silly stuff, but happily such a class is becoming extinct, and there is being seen the practical application of the law and the results which follow when prohibition prevails in a state. The figures of the banks, the volume of business done in the various communities of 'dry' states, show the truth of the declaration that prohibition helps business.

"Since North Carolina entered the column of prohibition states there has come to the people here many inquiries concerning how prohibition worked, if business was hurt or helped, it being the desire of people in other places where prohibition was proposed to get at the facts of the effect on trade produced by prohibition. And the word has gone back that prohibition is helping North Carolina, that the State is growing far more prosperous because it has prohibition. 'Business has been increased' in North Carolina by reason of prohibition. And crime has been decreased. These are two results which follow on prohibition, and both of these things mean for a better State. In those states where prohibition fights are being made the people will find that it will prove a benefit if liquor is cast out. That has been demonstrated in North Carolina, and it will be proved true in all parts of the country. The antiprohibition folks are fronting a day when there will be no liquor sold or manufactured within the law in this country, and that will be a great day for the people of the United States."

The State of Columbia, S. C., whose opinions may be said to be representative of the most thoughtful section of the southern press, points to the stupidity of the course the liquor interests are pursuing in this section. Says the State:

"Advice offered to the liquor interests is usually wasted, but one cannot refrain from saying that in this time of their accumulating bitterness they would at least ally the bitterness and energy of attack leveled at them if they would apply themselves to holding the territory that is still their own without striving to bring the laws of dry territory into disrepute.

"For example, they see no warning in the bill introduced in Congress to exclude liquor advertisements from

the mails. On the other hand, they proceed to load the mails with posters and circulars which disgust even those citizens who buy and drink liquors. The liquor houses in Florida, Tennessee and Maryland are flooding this State with price lists of whiskeys and wines as though they were convinced that at most they will have only a few more months in which to conduct their business and get rich off South Carolinians. They are exerting themselves to the utmost to make the gallon a month law offensive and to encourage the prohibitionists in their intention to reduce the amount of monthly importations by an individual to a quart.

"One reason that the prohibitionists are gaining everywhere is that the liquor business is steadily committing suicide. It never, never lets an opportunity escape to make itself nauseating. Not in the United States has any other great business been conducted with such consistent stupidity. The minority of sensible wine and whiskey merchants are without influence in impressing the country."

"In the states dominated by great cities and in two or three others where the manufacture of wines, whiskeys and beer constitutes an industry of first rank the opposition to prohibition is strong. It is possible that they might be held against the prohibition onset and in the event of the concentration the people of the prohibition states would not concern themselves with their neighbors. Were the whiskey men in Congress discreet they would support, not oppose, extension of liquor prohibitions to the mails. So long as Jacksonville, Fla., shall be a point from which the setting at naught of the laws of South Carolina is engineered, sentiment in favor of Federal interference with the liquor traffic in South Carolina will increase."

The Commercial-Appeal of Memphis, Tenn., a newspaper of much influence in Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas, says, under the heading "The End of Liquor":

"There will be no whiskey or beer sold in the United States within six years, if the present rate of progress toward teetotalism keeps up. The only thing that will retard the abolition of liquor will be the prohibitionists themselves. If they permit their enthusiasm to be turned into fanaticism they will hurt their own cause. If the prohibitionist forces keep sane, the temperance people will do the rest.

"The sale of liquor will be quickly abolished in the District of Columbia. The only opposition will be through parliamentary maneuvering. The constitutional prohibition amendment will be submitted, and in six years we believe that a majority of the states necessary will declare for it.

"The metropolitan press of New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Chicago are just as much in the dark about prohibition as they were about the result of the presidential election at 10 o'clock on the night following that event. Prohibition is coming because it is an expression of the temperance desires of organized business, of organized labor and of all the professions."

ITALY'S WATER POWER

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

ROME, Italy.—A review accompanied by statistical tables of the water power available in Italy for the generation of electrical force has been issued by the Ministry of Agriculture. The importance of the full utilization of this "white coal," as it has come to be called, has been brought home to the nation at large by the enormously increased cost of fuel, owing to the difficulties of maritime transportation. For the last 30 years data to the hydraulic force available in Italy have been collected methodically, but not all the watercourses have yet been studied from source to mouth, although the work has reached its thirty-eighth volume. Special attention has been paid in this study to the condition of the various rivers and torrents in time of drought. Some of the largest rivers of Italy, such as the Po, Ticino, Minicio, Adige, Arno, Tiber, Garigliano and Volturno, are of considerably less importance than the actual body of water would promise, owing to the very level course of the lower stretches and the height of the banks above low-water mark. The average driving power has been estimated at 123,200 horsepower for the watercourses along the Ligurian coast, 926,900 horsepower for the rivers flowing into the Tyrrhenian Sea, the rivers flowing into the Ionian Sea, 45,000 horsepower for the Sicilian watercourses, 195,500 horsepower for 553,100 horsepower for those flowing into the Adriatic and 320,000 horsepower for the southern tributaries of the Po, making a total of 2,163,700 horsepower. The tributaries flowing into the left bank of the Po have not yet been accurately studied, but the driving force obtainable from them is roughly estimated at 774,000 horsepower and 2,052,000 horsepower is attributed to the remainder of the unstudied watercourses, bringing the grand total up to approximately 5,000,000 horsepower.

SMITHFIELD CATTLE SHOW
Special to The Christian Science Monitor
LONDON, England.—The Smithfield Club recently held its one hundred seventeenth annual exhibition of cattle at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington. The total number of entries was in spite of the difficulties facing agriculture as a result of the war, as many as 712. This was 80 below the aggregate for 1915. His Majesty the King was the largest exhibitor with 36 entries and he secured his own challenge cup for the best in the show bred by the exhibitor, four medals for the best Hereford, shorthorn, Highland and Dexter cattle, seven first prizes for cattle and one for pigs, and two third prizes for cattle and one for pigs. The championship of the show was won by J. J. Cradlan of Gloucester with a specimen of the Aberdeen Angus class, Neraaka.

BRITISH LABOR FAVORS ACTION ON FOOD SUPPLY

Conference of Workers' Organizations in London Urges Further Measures to Meet Food and Other Problems

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

LONDON, England.—A conference of 860 delegates from trade unions, co-operative societies, and other labor organizations, was held recently at the Central Hall, Westminster, to discuss "The War and Food Prices," Mr. G. J. Wardle presiding. The chairman described it as unfortunate that that conference had coincided with a political crisis of the first magnitude, and that they found themselves confronted with a position in which there was no Government to appeal to—no authority to whom they could make their representations. The problem they had to consider was inseparably associated with the supremely important question of bringing the war to a successful conclusion. The issues were too great, and the occasion was too serious to be confused with party talk. It was, however, permissible to say that whoever might have overlooked the importance of this question of food prices, at any rate the Labor Party had never done so. So early as Aug. 5, 1914—the day after the war began—the Labor Party, through its secretary, called a conference, and they had since persistently and consistently acted in the "spirit of the resolution then adopted." Their complaint now was that the steps taken by the Government had been belated. There was little evidence in Government circles yet that they were sufficiently seized of the importance of vigorous and prompt action to secure a sufficient and adequate supply of food, at prices within the reach of a majority of the population. They asked for a conservative policy, not a policy of drift.

Mr. Clynes, M. P., moved the following resolution: This conference, representative of national labor, organized on both its wage-earning and consuming sides, declares that whilst regretting the long delay of the Government in taking action to prevent food prices rising, as they have steadily done during the past two years, it welcomes the steps that have now been taken, but is of opinion that they are inadequate, and that no policy will give public confidence unless it includes:

(a) The purchase of all imported essential foodstuffs by the Government;

(b) The commandeering or controlling of home products, such as meat, wheat, oats, barley, potatoes and milk;

(c) The commandeering of ships and the controlling of freights and freight rates;

(d) The placing of the retail markets of all supplies so obtained and controlled at prices which will secure the full benefit of Government action to the consumer;

(e) The organization and supervision of production so as to use home resources to the utmost, especially as regards agriculture, which, in the opinion of the conference, can be dealt with most effectively by fixing a guaranteed price to the producer on condition that satisfactory minimum rates of wages are also paid.

Further, in the opinion of the conference, the supply of coal and other necessities of life should be dealt with by the Government on lines similar to those indicated above.

Mr. Crooks, Darlington Cooperative Society, declared that within walking distance of his town there were thousands of acres of the most fertile soil, which had been laid away for 40 years for foxes, pheasants and partridges.

Mr. T. E. Naylor, London Society of Compositors, moved, and it was agreed, to omit the words "give public confidence" from the first paragraph of the resolution and to substitute "be acceptable to organized labor."

Mrs. Barton, Sheffield, of the Women's Cooperative Guild, moved to add after Clause "b": (Censor) this conference calls on the Government to introduce immediately a bill making it compulsory on municipalities to provide dinners and milk for mothers and young children, half the cost to be paid from the National Exchequer.

This was approved. On the motion of the London Society of Compositors it was decided that a new clause should follow "d" as follows:

The proportional regulation, on a family basis, of the sale of any foodstuffs in which there is a shortage of supplies.

In place of paragraph "e" Mr. Straker, Miners' Federation, moved to insert the following after the words "the organization and supervision of production":

To take into their own hands at least 4,000,000 acres of the land at present abandoned to grass or fallow, including any suitable land now kept as private parks, and to secure sufficient labor and machinery to cultivate, sow and gather in the harvest from such land.

To empower all local authorities to utilize every acre of available land within their areas that is now lying idle and take over other land where required for spade cultivation for potatoes and other vegetables, and to call upon them to make such arrangements as they can for getting as large a proportion as possible under cultivation.

To advance capital to local authorities, also to co-operative societies, to enable them to bring additional land into arable cultivation.

Mr. H. M. Hyndman, who supported

this, said while there were 4,000,000 acres requiring to be cultivated, the Board of Agriculture had the impertinence to propose plowing up the commons of the people. The commons that ought to be plowed up were at Westminster. The Board of Agriculture and the Board of Trade were formed of men of the class to which he belonged, not the class to which the delegates present belonged, and the consequence was that they would "do" them if they could. Land should be cultivated, and the workers should include the German prisoners.

The proposal of the Miners' Federation as a substitution for paragraph "e" was approved.

A further addendum declared that the Government should approach the governments of the Allied nations to impress upon them the necessity of working on such lines that Allied purchases should be centralized, and competition between the Allies destroyed. The original resolution as amended was then carried.

FOREIGN TRADE OF GREAT BRITAIN

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LONDON, England.—Great Britain's imports for the month of November, as shown by the recent statement of the Board of Trade again exceed in value any previous month's total since the outbreak of war, the total for the 30 days being £88,922,506, which represents an increase as compared with November, 1915, of £17,300,200 or 24.5 per cent. The exports at £42,483,264 are £6,849,100, or 18.9 per cent ahead of the total a year ago. There is a drop in reexports of £1,175,900 or 14.14 per cent. The unfavorable feature in the statement is the large increase in the trade volume against England, which is some £11,827,000 greater than a year ago.

For the increase in imports, foodstuffs is responsible for over £7,000,000, represented mostly by the rise in prices. Grain and flour importation were 1,660,000 cwt. less, but cost the country nearly £3,000,000 more. Raw materials imported also register large advances. Cotton is up £7,347,000, wool £1,027,000, and oil seeds, nuts, etc., £1,353,277. Manufactured articles are lower at £1,269,276, included in which is a gain of £704,083 in the import of leather manufactures which is offset by a drop of £748,820 in railway carriages, motors, etc.

There is a slight but welcome reduction in the exports of foodstuffs. Among the exports of raw materials, coal and coke show the biggest advance at £1,157,292. Wool shows a drop of £309,000. Exports of manufactured articles exhibit a total gain of £5,841,931, to which nearly all classes of manufactures contribute, cotton heading the list with a rise of £2,518,628 and woollen goods being next at £835,000.

For the eleven months ending Nov. 30, imports total £873,812,712, as against £782,899,373 a year ago and exports for the first 11 months of 1916 total £466,582,400, as against £350,699,817 in the corresponding period of the preceding year.

POLICE QUESTION AGAIN VIEWED BY LORD CARMICHAEL

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

CALCUTTA, India.—Lord Carmichael, the retiring Governor of Bengal, went down to the Police Training College at Surdah, a short while since, and again delivered an interesting speech on the much vexed police question. "Some day I hope," he remarked, towards the close of his address, "the Bengal police will be trusted by the Bengal people in a way which seems hardly possible now. That day will come when the people are convinced that the police are honest and upright, brave and intelligent. You can have no nobler aim than to hasten the arrival of that day. You can do no finer work for your country than showing to your countrymen by your own individual example that Bengalis, even when they have to do disagreeable work and work which their countrymen are inclined to dislike them for doing, can yet act in accordance with those high ideals which the best Bengalis claim that their race has always upheld."

In the course of his speech His Excellency also touched upon the exceptional difficulties surrounding the reliability of evidence in this country. "I am sorry to say," he remarked, "that I myself have known of more than one case when witnesses have given evidence in court which differed widely from that which they had furnished to the police—for submission to the law officers before the case came up for trial." In such cases the judges are naturally strongly tempted to assume that the police are trying to strain evidence and even to concoct a false case deliberately, with the result that the severest strictures upon the conduct of the police emanate from the bench, and these are, of course, published broadcast, and tend to shake the public faith in the force.

Such strictures, uttered in such circumstances, are, as His Excellency pointed out, embarrassing to the Government, no less than to the police. "The establishment of implicit trust in one's judges is one of the first essentials of good administration, and it may well be that the executive Government ought to refrain from stating publicly all that it knows about cases such as I have mentioned, lest it should seem to show want of confidence in the judiciary. When this happens, the police have to suffer in the public interest. But our police may rest assured that justice will be done them by the Government, and if the Government, for reasons which it thinks good, does not vindicate them publicly, they must accept it, as the police everywhere accept it, as part of the difficulties of the work they have undertaken."

HAWAII'S EDUCATION FUND

By special correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

HONOLULU, H. T.—Nearly \$10,000,000 will be needed for the general and special funds of the department of public instruction for the biennial period which begins on Jan. 1, 1918.

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ENTENTE GROUP URGED TO ACT AGAINST GREECE

Success of Germans in Rumania
Emphasizes Need for Immediate
Measures—Allies Advised
to Strengthen Venizelists

By The Christian Science Monitor special
correspondent from Athens, Greece

LONDON, England.—It would be difficult to exaggerate the importance which is at present being attached to the development of the Greek situation. It is obviously impossible that the existing status quo should be indefinitely prolonged. As long ago as June last, members of the Greek general staff openly expressed their opinion that the Greek army was in a position to do considerable harm to the Allies, and they regarded with significant equanimity the possibility of their coast towns being bombarded.

These opinions were expressed to the writer personally and were known to most journalists in Athens. There is nothing to add to the scanty descriptive telegrams which have arrived, but there can be no possible doubt that the Allies were tricked and that the King's henchmen have perpetrated a series of atrocities on their compatriots, the partisans of M. Venizelos.

The Greeks are again in control of their telegraphy and the world is therefore only receiving what information the Royalist Government likes to be dispatched. On the other hand, little information is vouchsafed as to the communications which are now undoubtedly taking place between the Allied Governments in respect to further action.

The facts of the situation are that whatever may have been the policy of King Constantine and his general staff in the past, they may now be counted among the enemies of the Entente. Their only means of salvation lies in a German victory. In the contrary case, the Venizelists may be expected to continue their struggle until they have cleared out the court clique themselves, even if it is not previously done by the Allies. Therefore the King must desire a German victory, and it may be anticipated that he will do his best to assist the efforts of the Central Empires.

The question is no longer one of Greek politics, no longer one of attempting to safeguard the interests of an autocratic monarch. The Allies have to deal with a new enemy. A second but none the less important consideration is the question of the interests of the Venizelists in Greece. Recent events will, of course, have strengthened the King's prestige, but at the same time, Mr. Venizelos has half the country with him, and a great many of the Hellenes who live in what we refer to as Old Greece, are still his partisans, and will declare themselves thus if the risk of life and property thereby entailed can be removed.

The Allies must, therefore, have a double-barreled object. On the one hand, they must destroy the forces at the disposal of King Constantine, and on the other, they must seek to strengthen the Venizelists. At first sight it would appear difficult to accomplish both of these aims at one and the same time, but it is by no means impossible, provided that a comprehensive view is taken of the situation as a whole. The necessity for prompt action is increased by the success of the Germans against Rumania, and the fact that von Falkenhayn may divert an important force to Macedonia in an endeavor to retake Monastir and drive General Sarraïl's army back to Salonika. At the same time this danger should not be exaggerated, and there is no need for panic. Von Falkenhayn will be obliged to operate during a season when climatic conditions in the Balkans are at their worst. He is dependent for his supplies on the single line of railway from Belgrade to Veles, with the assistance of the communications afforded by the roads from Kustendil to Uskub, and down the Struma and Strumitza valleys to Strumitza. It is, therefore, doubtful whether he can keep supplied a force of more than 500,000 men.

Further, I should consider it improbable that he can transport very heavy cannon over the soft winding road that climbs up to the top of the Babuna Pass from Veles, or operate with heavy artillery on any other sector, except that immediately served by the Oriental Railway, which runs from Belgrade to Salonika. The Allies are accordingly in a favorable position for defense; also as regards communications. Their positions are served by three railways (from Salonika to Monastir, Dolran, and the Belash Valley respectively), and in addition they have a good road running from Salonika to Seres.

PASSPORT REGULATIONS
Special to The Christian Science Monitor
LONDON, England.—From Jan. 1 British subjects embarking for ports in the United States of America or Canada must be provided with passports which have been issued or endorsed by the Passport Office, London, for that specific journey within 30 days of the date of sailing. Applications should reach the Passport Office at least 14 days before the passport is required.

OFFICERS OF LOWER HOUSE
Special to The Christian Science Monitor
LONDON, England.—At the request of Mr. Bonar Law, the leader of the House of Commons, Mr. Whitley, the Chairman of Ways and Means, and Mr. Maclean, the Deputy Chairman, have agreed to continue their present duties as officers of the House.

11th Dec 1916

His Majesty the King has entrusted
us with the task of forming a government
I have carried out His Majesty's commands
I had hoped to make a statement
to the House on Tuesday the 12th inst. but I
now find that this will not be possible.
On Tuesday afternoon Mr. Bonar Law, as
leader of the House will move its adjournment
on Thursday the 14th inst.
The one predominant fact before
the government is the urgent situation
of the war to a triumphant conclusion &
I feel confident they can rely on your
support as long as they devote their
energy effectively to that end.
I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant
D. Lloyd George

Letter sent by the Prime Minister, Mr. Lloyd George, to all members of the House of Commons

VISCOUNT GREY AND THE RECENT POLITICAL CRISIS

Special to The Christian Science Monitor
LONDON, England.—In his speech on the recent political crisis at the Liberal Party meeting at the Reform Club, Viscount Grey said he had felt throughout the crisis that the prospect of carrying on the war with a weakened Government was something to be avoided at all costs, and that, once this crisis had become acute, it was absolutely necessary that it should be settled, not by means of a patched-up compromise, but by the situation being completely cleared up. One solution of the crisis was that a homogeneous Government should be formed, under Mr. Lloyd George, composed entirely of persons who had the entire confidence of Mr. Lloyd George and his most active and influential supporters. That was the result which had followed from the crisis. There was no doubt that the only course for Liberals was to support the Government in every possible way that they could.

After paying a warm tribute to Lord Robert Cecil and Mr. Balfour, who were to carry on blockade work and the Foreign Office, Viscount Grey turned to the early days of the war, remarking: "Whatever differences of opinion may arise, and whatever divisions may arise afterwards between those who were colleagues in the great anxieties of this war, they can never forget what they went through together. And Mr. Lloyd George, at any rate, is one of those who went through those terrible times with us and we with him. His courage never flinched or failed, nor did that of any one else. In those early days of the war those anxieties fell first of all upon the Prime Minister. I think in the next degree upon Lord Kitchener, who was actually at the War Office, but a considerable amount fell upon Mr. Lloyd George, when he was Chancellor of the Exchequer, in finance. The courage of the Cabinet never faltered. It would be invidious to pick and choose between them. But I remember from time to time as the burden seemed to fall, first on one, and then on another, being struck by the courage of my colleagues, especially of the Prime Minister, Lord Kitchener, and Mr. Lloyd George, in those early days. That is a memory which we ought to remember when we know that the country still needs all the sacrifices, efforts, ability and courage that can be given in the conduct of affairs not only to secure victory, but even to secure the safety of this country and the Allies."

This I would just say in conclusion. There is one subject and one person of whom I cannot speak as freely as I would like, because he is present—Mr. Asquith, who is our leader. We are still together. Since the beginning of the war he has had to carry a burden heavier than that of anyone else. We know how bravely and steadily he has borne it, shouldering all responsibility, however great, bearing private anxieties and grief, however distressing, undaunted, undismayed, and unshaken. The country does know something, but it will never know so fully as those of us who are his colleagues, how invaluable his presence as Prime Minister has been in the days of crisis

when no one else, by common consent, could have filled his place. Without him, no one can say what might have happened to the future of this country if he had not been there in that place in those times. He himself has said that the strain and anxiety has been almost greater than anyone can conceive. Each one of us has felt that; and each one of us has felt also that the strain and anxiety upon him must have been greater than upon any one of us. That will come to be recognized in time, and I have no doubt in history, and even in the present generation, full justice will be done to what he has done. We, as his colleagues, today give him our tribute, our personal tribute, of admiration, of sympathy, and of affection.

TREASURES OF THE MOSQUE AT MEDINA

Special to The Christian Science Monitor
PARIS, France.—Appropos of the recent announcement that the shrine of the Prophet at Medina has been despoiled by the Turks, an eminent professor, well known among Orientalists, has provided the Temps with some details as to the mosque and its treasures.

He explains that Mahomed's house, which was next to the original building, was eventually inclosed within its precincts, and that the tomb of the Prophet, situated in the southwest angle, the object of universal veneration in the Muhammadan world. It is covered with a rich pall which is renewed every year on the occasion of the pilgrimage to Mecca, and is presented by the Sultan, the Khalif of Constantinople, who like other great personages in Islam, is proud to bear the title "servant of the two sanctuaries" (Mecca and Medina). For many years the precincts of the tomb have been ornamented with gifts of all kinds, and costly lamps have hung suspended from the ceiling. In the Eleventh Century, Ibn Jobair, the Arabian traveler, counted 20 of these in silver and two in gold, while Al Battanouni, who made the pilgrimage in 1908 in the suite of the Khedive, counted 600. On the walls there hang ropes of gems or pearls; in the corners of the sanctuary stand golden candelabra, two of which, two meters high, were offered by the Sultan Abdul Medjid in 1857, while the remaining two were presented by the Sultan Mahmoud; and the shrine is adorned with countless other treasures. The most precious object of all, however, is "al Kaoukab ad dourri," "the shining star"; a great diamond, the size of a pigeon's egg, which is framed in a ring of gold and fixed in the southern wall of the shrine, the wall that looks toward Medina. It was the gift of the Sultan Admed I at the beginning of the Seventeenth Century, and is valued by Al Battanouni at 300,000 Egyptian guineas.

The theft of the diamond, and the pillaging of the rest of the treasure, writes the French authority, will recall to Medina the darkest days in its history, when in 1806 the Wahhabites methodically sacked the mosque and carried off its treasures, afterwards selling them to their owners again.

LAW ILLINOIS WOMEN WISH TO SEE PASSED

Military Training in Public
Schools Not Approved—
Eight-Hour Day and Mini-
mum Wage for Women Asked

Special to The Christian Science Monitor
from its Western Bureau

CHICAGO, Ill.—Two years ago, just prior to the opening of the 1915 Legislature, the women of Illinois held a conference, at the invitation of Lieut.-Gov. Barratt O'Hara and a State commission, for the purpose of recommending measures to the General Assembly in which women were particularly interested. It was said to be the first gathering of the kind ever held in the United States, and the results in legislation were pleasing to the women. A second session of the Illinois Woman's Legislative Congress has just been held, to inform the 1917 Legislature what women of the State would like to see made into law. This year's recommendations, like those of two years ago, are chiefly socializing. The assembly was largely attended from points without Chicago as well as within.

Constitutional, social, educational and industrial legislation were considered in conferences covering the better part of three days, workers in these fields speaking or giving papers. Judges, aldermen, the superintendent of Chicago schools, several prominent labor union officials and leaders in the Illinois suffrage movement were among those addressing the congress. Military training in the public schools failed of endorsement, and the women passed a recommendation specifically approving physical training other than military. Compulsory provision of free textbooks in the public schools also was unable to gain sufficient support. The free textbook resolution as adopted urged legislation allowing districts to give the books at option.

Among measures recommended and policy endorsed by the congress for the consideration of the Illinois Legislature were the following: Eight-hour day for women; one day's rest in seven; legislation to permit zoning of cities as to building of factories and shops and providing playgrounds and school sites in the opening of new subdivisions; minimum wage for all women and minors, to be established by a wage board under a minimum wage commission; approval of amendments to the election and primary laws of the State providing that the buyer of a vote shall be equally guilty with the seller; endorsement that a public official who willfully refuses to enforce the law and carry out his oath of office shall be removed from office; endorsement that no injunction shall be issued in connection with an industrial dispute upon an ex parte hearing and that no person charged with contempt of court in connection with cases arising from industrial disputes be denied a trial by jury; provision for adequate fire drills by theater employees, also in public and parochial schools, and in shops and factories; constitutional convention; civil service—extending to employees of sanitary district, municipal court, in the county and to deputy factory inspectors; amendments permitting the State to control management of the county jails and that farm colonies be provided for misdemeanants to the reformation of the offenders and the economy of the State; reorganization of school board, Chicago, seven elected at large on nonpartisan ballot, legal status for superintendent with duties defined and term four years, and duties of Board of Education defined; tenure for teachers after probationary period of three years; unit system of vocational education; good roads.

WYOMING LANDS ATTRACT SETTLERS

Special to The Christian Science Monitor
from its Western Bureau

CHEYENNE, Wyo.—Fully 75,000 acres of public lands in Wyoming will be occupied by settlers in the ensuing 12 months under the provisions of the new 640-acre homestead law, according to Will Reid, register of the United States Land Office at Cheyenne. "I estimate the influx of several hundred families from other states as the result of the 640-acre law, while any number of Wyoming residents have appeared before the various land offices in Wyoming to inquire concerning the provisions of the act," Mr. Reid said. Many applicants for these tracts have signified their intention of using them for grazing cattle.

DECLINE OF ARRESTS IN BOWLING GREEN

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from its Western Bureau

BOWLING GREEN, Ky.—Bowling Green has been "dry" for about three years and at times the city jail has been without prisoners. In the month of June the total cost of feeding prisoners was \$4.35, the lowest in the history of the city, and the total cost of caring for prisoners the entire year was \$367.65, another low record. The decline in the number of arrests and in fines has been steady.

ADVERTISING OF LIQUOR
Special to The Christian Science Monitor
TORONTO, Ont.—A movement is now under way to ask the City Council to prohibit the advertising of liquor on sign boards and a vigorous protest is being made against the use of the mails to get such advertisements into private homes.

BRITISH PUBLIC TRUSTEE SPEAKS ON GERMAN BANKS

Special to The Christian Science Monitor
LONDON, England.—The Public Trustee, Mr. C. J. Stewart, in a recent address to the City of London Traders' Club, discussed the work of the Public Trustee during the war. Returns, he said, showed that about £32,000,000 of enemy capital was in companies. There was about £71,000,000 of property in Great Britain, held and managed on behalf of the enemy, and about £19,000,000 of bank balances and debts over £50 was due to the enemy, making a total of £122,000,000. They had received 30,000 claims against enemy property, and they were coming in at the rate of about 150 a day.

Referring to the German banks, Mr. Stewart said that shortly after the commencement of the war, licenses were granted by the Home Office to the London agencies of the Deutsche Bank, the Dresdner Bank, Disconto-Gesellschaft, the Oesterreichische Laenderbank, and the Anglo-Austrian Bank, for the sole purpose of collecting assets with a view to payment of nonenemy liabilities arising out of pre-war transactions, which, in the ordinary course, would be discharged by the London establishments. Sir William Plender was appointed controller, and he, in turn, appointed a supervisor to act for him at each of the banks.

With the assistance of the Bank of England, who advanced under the treasury scheme of September, 1914, the necessary funds to meet the outstanding acceptances of the five banks, the liabilities payable under the licenses had been discharged or provided for in full, except in the case of the Laenderbank, where the cash resources had only permitted a recent distribution of 30 per cent to its unsecured creditors. The Deutsche Bank had entirely repaid the amount advanced by the Bank of England, but a considerable part of such advance was still owing by the other banks. The balances were being reduced as and when funds permitted. By terms of the licenses any surplus assets arising from the bank's operations were directed to be deposited at the Bank of England to the order of the treasury, and in the case of the Deutsche Bank a deposit of about £375,000 in cash had already been made on account, and securities of a book value of £165,000 had been lodged. It was unlikely, however, that the assets of the remaining banks would yield during the war a sum sufficient to discharge the outstanding indebtedness to the Bank of England or payment in full to the unsecured creditors of the Laenderbank, and it was, therefore, unlikely that in their cases any surplus would be accumulated.

Each of the banks held large blocks of securities on behalf of enemy customers or their own head office or foreign branches—the value of such securities held by the three German banks being roughly £20,000,000. It had hitherto been found impossible to determine whether any part of the securities held on account of the head offices and foreign branches did in fact belong to the banks, but it was known that the great bulk of these securities, if not the whole, was really the property of the banks. All securities were now about to be vested in the public trustee by orders to be made by the Board of Trade. After the securities had become vested it would then be open to creditors of a particular enemy customer for whose account any of the securities were held to apply to the court for directions for the sale of securities and payment of the debts owing by such customer to British subjects.

Steps were now being taken for the sale of the London premises of the Deutsche Bank, and similar steps were shortly to be taken with regard to the London premises of the Disconto and Dresdner banks. With regard to the sale of businesses or shares to persons of British nationality, Mr. Stewart said there had been 233 orders with a view to sale. Since April 117 had been dealt with, and 16 were awaiting the directions of the Board of Trade. Eighty-five per cent of the enemy companies were very good paying concerns, cleverly managed, and in one case £5 shares realized £8 each.

FOOD PROBLEMS IN SCOTTISH CITY

Special to The Christian Science Monitor
EDINBURGH, Scotland.—Prices in Scotland are steadily moving upwards, but on the other hand they are generally regarded as higher than they need be. There is the opinion, fairly well founded, that the discussion and the prominence given in the press to the subject of a scarcity and the probable further rise in prices has done very much to bring about the very thing it was desired to avoid. One authority pointed out an instance of this with regard to flour. The Government deciding to control it, resolved to buy, and speculation set in among Canadian farmers who bought options. As a result prices increased, while perhaps if the matter had not been taken up in this way, this would not have occurred to the same extent.

The restrictions regarding the manufacture of flour have caused much discussion. The Scottish system of milling flour is entirely different from that in England, and the Government order would mean entirely reorganizing machinery and the present methods of manufacturing bread. The price of potatoes in a little over 12 months has risen from 6d. or 8d. to 2s. This, however, is due to the shortage of crops in the chief potato-growing counties of East Lothian, Fife, Forfar and Perth. The maximum price of milk having been fixed, it is felt that simultaneous steps should be taken to control the prices of feeding stuffs.

PLEA IS MADE FOR INDIANS OF GUATEMALA

Key to Country's Evangelization
Is in Aboriginal Tribes—In-
dustrial Types and Their
Needs Pictured

Special to The Christian Science Monitor
from its Washington Bureau

NEW YORK, N. Y.—In an article written by the Rev. Edward M. Haymaker, published by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, the condition of the Indians of Guatemala is pictured. "The greater part of the inhabitants, the best fundamental qualities of character, the greatest capabilities, the finest material for future development, belong to the aborigines," he says. "The Indian is the key to Guatemala's evangelization."

"In Southwestern United States we begin to come in contact with the industrial type of Indian. In Mexico we had the Aztec and the Toltec, and in Guatemala and Honduras the still more cultured Maya. These peoples centered their interests almost exclusively upon the arts of peace. Their genius, that once flamed so brightly, still smolders and lies latent, awaiting the breath of opportunity to fan it again into a flame of glory."

"There were found in Central America more than 50 nations of aborigines, 36 in Guatemala alone. While Spanish is the official language and is the one most generally known, a great many Indians understand only their own tongue. The Mayas have left the ruin-strewn sites of their former greatness, but the neatly dressed materials of their scattered habitations, ruined temples and artificial pyramids bear witness to their once superior engineering achievements, architectural genius, their art that had become illustrious and grown old, their literary attainments and their astronomical knowledge that had arranged a calendar system as perfect as our own."

"American antiquarians date these Maya ruins back to the earlier centuries of the Christian era. The Germans think they have stood 5000 years, while the French think they have seen 10 millenniums, yet the irrepressible Maya still holds his head up in the tempest of adversity as unmoved as the mighty monuments of his fathers, and waits for a better day."

"The Maya's land belongs to all and is parceled out annually. Though he represents 70 per cent of the population, he is charged with only 25 per cent of the crime. The Indian is instinctively loyal, respectful to his authorities, conscientious, religious, generous, grateful for favors, habitually industrious where he can see anything coming of it, and capable of high intellectual attainment."

"The Maya's house is generally small, low, with but one unglazed window opening, or often none at all. They are mostly of a single room, with little or no furniture. The cooking is of the simplest and crudest. The life has little for them but burden bearing and tears, yet with it all there is about them an air of stoic irrepressibility."

Speaking of the Indians' present social and industrial condition, Mr. Haymaker says they are the public's laborer, messenger and burden bearer. "Though the Indian is temperamentally honest, the cruelty of his servitude, the hopelessness of his outlook, and the injustice of his treatment breaks his sense of right, and he feels justified in frequent dishonesty, living a secret life for himself and his people, and a quite different one for the outer world."

"The Liberal Government is making efforts to educate Indian children, but finds much difficulty, because it does not enjoy the confidence of the Indian; because his children, after learning to read and write, are taken from the family and compelled to render literary service for the State on a small wage."

COMMITTEE FOR JUVENILE WELFARE

Special to The Christian Science Monitor
LONDON, England.—The Home Secretary has appointed a standing committee to deal with the problems indicated by the increasing number of juvenile offenses. Mr. C. E. B. Russell, His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Reformatories and Industrial Schools, is the chairman of the committee which will consider among other things what steps can be taken to attract boys and girls to become members of brigades or clubs; the possibility of transferring a boy or girl from one organization to another, when this seems desirable; the steps to be taken to prevent overlapping of work; the strengthening of weaker units; the difficulty in obtaining officers; and difficulties in securing the use of school premises as club rooms or play centers.

The appointment of this committee has been rendered necessary by a tendency to disorder, noticeable throughout the country, among the juvenile population with the progress of the war. It is not intended that existing agencies for remedying this state of things should be supplemented by others; but it is hoped that the present ones, if sufficiently strengthened, may prove adequate for the purpose. The standing committee which is to consider all these problems includes Lieut.-General Sir R. Baden-Powell, K. C. V. O., K. C. B., Lady Baden-Powell (Girl Guides Association), Lady Frances Balfour (Girls' Guild), Hon. Lily Montagu (National Organisation of Girls' Clubs) and Col. Sir F. L. Nathan (Jewish Lads' Brigade).

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LIQUOR TRAFFIC ADVERTISEMENTS BEFORE SENATE

Bill Designed to Prevent a Continuance of Use of the Mails for Procuring "Wet" Business in Dry States

Special to The Christian Science Monitor from its Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Senate took up consideration this afternoon of the bill designed to prevent continuance of the practice of liquor interests sending advertisements of intoxicants through the United States mails into states having prohibition laws.

Senator Bankhead, in charge of the bill, explained that the proposed act would not apply to those states which are partly "wet" and partly "dry." It is simply an effort, he stated, to help the several states enforce their prohibition laws. It was pointed out by Senator Gallinger that the bill would simply place publications outside a prohibition State on the same basis as those printed in the State.

Senator Hitchcock held that, in fairness to publishers, the bill ought to specify which states would come within the prohibition. It was pointed out, however, that as more and more states are coming within the prohibition category, it would be difficult for Congress to continually keep the law revised.

The bill was amended to direct the Postmaster-General to publish from time to time a list of those states in which the law would apply. Senator Poinsett thought the bill should be allowed to exclude liquor advertisements of every description, holding that, as presented to the Senate, the measure did not appear to be sufficiently inclusive.

The bill provides a fine of \$1000 or imprisonment for two years for first violations of the law. For a subsequent offense a five year sentence would be a maximum. Any postal official or employee violating the law would be liable to a fine of \$100 or imprisonment for one year.

Dry Sentiment Grows

Gain in National House Shown by District Bill Vote

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—Passage by the House of the District of Columbia Prohibition Bill is generally conceded by both its friends and its opponents. Not only has "dry" sentiment in the House increased notably recently, but there have been additions to the number of "dry" states and congressional districts, and representatives from these are naturally supporters of "dry" legislation from political, if from no other, reasons. It is recalled, furthermore, that the House passed, two years ago, a resolution for submitting a national prohibition amendment by a safe margin, 197 to 189.

The Sheppard bill, which passed the Senate by an almost two-thirds vote, will go to the House Committee on the District of Columbia. While, theoretically, that committee might delay action upon it too long to give the measure a chance to get through the House, the temper of the House is such that no such tactics will be attempted, even if the District committee or a majority of it, were so inclined. It is not at all certain that a majority of that committee does not favor a dry District on the merits of the case, but, whether or not that is the fact, a prompt reply is assured because of the practical certainty that if a committee report were withheld an unreasonable time, a special rule or other device would bring the bill before the House.

Representative Randall of California, who is the first member ever elected under the prohibitionist designation, declared Wednesday night that he had not the slightest doubt that the District of Columbia would be voted dry at this session of Congress. He says that efforts will be made to have the referendum attached to the bill in the House, despite the failure of that proposition in the Senate, and in spite of the fact that the district has not been given the referendum on all the mass of legislative measures under which it has been administered. The referendum proposition has no chance whatever before the House, Mr. Randall believes, and he does not believe that the district committee will accept the proposal.

It may confidently be stated, Mr. Randall also said, that there will be a vote on the bill excluding liquor advertising from the United States mails. "And a vote on it means its passage," he said. He declined to specify just now the basis for his assurance that the bill would come to a vote, but asserted his certainty of it.

Diplomatic Bill Passed

Senate Drops Clause Reproving Secretary of Paris Embassy

Special to The Christian Science Monitor from its Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, D. C.—After reducing the Diplomatic and Consular Service appropriation bill an aggregate of \$52,500, the Senate passed the bill yesterday. It now goes back to the House for concurrence. The chief contest in the Senate came on a clause in the House bill aimed at reproving Secretary Bliss of the United States Embassy at Paris for refusing to grant a letter of introduction to Charles Edward Russell, a citizen of the United States, who severely criticized President Wilson in a newspaper article published in the French capital last year.

The Senate Appropriation Committee struck out this provision, which would have withheld the salary of Mr. Bliss for the coming fiscal year. After it had been generally agreed on the floor that the contemplated reproof had no place in an appropriation measure, it was dropped.

The proposed appropriation of \$200,000 as an emergency fund for the service was reduced \$50,000. An appropriation of \$10,000 for a minister at Morocco was stricken out and in its place \$7500 was appropriated for an agent and consul-general at Tangier. For the expenses of the proposed second Pan-American Financial Conference in Washington, the sum of \$50,000 was appropriated.

Rivers and Harbors Bill

Committee Agrees on Measure to Expend \$38,155,339

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Final agreement on the annual rivers and harbors appropriation bill was reported late yesterday by the House committee. The measure carries \$38,155,339, of which \$10,000,000 is for new projects and the remainder for continuing or maintaining existing projects.

Chairman Sparkman will report the bill this week, with the hope of having it taken up as soon as the pending post office bill is disposed of. An adverse minority report will be made by Representative Frear of Wisconsin. Appropriations provided for new projects, not previously made public, include:

Maine—Wills strait, Casco bay, \$16,600; Tennants harbor, \$12,500.

Connecticut—Norwalk harbor, \$50,000; Greenwich harbor, \$35,000.

Appropriations of \$25,000 or more for maintaining or improving existing projects, not already announced, include:

Massachusetts—Nantucket harbor of refuge, \$45,000; Pollock Rip channel, \$150,000.

Rhode Island—Pawtucket river, \$61,440.

Connecticut—New London harbor, \$160,000; Connecticut river below Hartford, \$70,100.

BREWERS AND ANTIS PLEASED WITH NEW LAW

Former Say Statute Will Not Drive Out Liquor, and Later That It Aids Drys

Special to The Christian Science Monitor from its Western Bureau

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Local liquor interests welcome the decision of the Supreme Court in the Webb-Kenyon anti-liquor shipment law as holding out a hope for the elimination of the movement for nation-wide prohibition on the ground that the Webb-Kenyon law provides the remedy the dry forces have been demanding in the various states. This law they hold will relieve any necessity for interfering with the doctrine of state's rights and at the same time protect dry states from invasion.

An official of the Model License League of Louisville said the immediate effect of the law would not be serious for local distillers and brewers because the law will be operative only in respect to such states as have laws prohibiting the shipment of alcoholic liquors within their borders. Only two states, West Virginia and Arizona, at present have such laws in effect, although Oregon recently provided for such a law which will later become effective. With respect to West Virginia, local dealers, he said, are not concerned because they have no business within that State. They have some business within Arizona, and this will be looked off. Other Southern states which have dry laws have no absolute prohibitory laws against shipment of liquor within their borders, but several of them have what are called "limitation" laws. These in the main provide that persons living within such states can have a limited amount of alcoholic liquors in their possession and they are permitted to get them from without the borders of the State. The decision in the Webb-Kenyon case is considered to uphold these limitation laws, and no interruption in this business is expected.

Dr. N. A. Palmer, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Kentucky, which is pushing the prohibition movement within the Democratic party in Kentucky, said: "The upholding of the Webb-Kenyon Law is of especial value to the cause of temperance in Kentucky. It not only puts into force the laws regulating liquor shipments of this State with reference to interstate shipments into dry counties, on the same footing as intrastate shipments, but it means also that laws that are made in future can be enforced as to both kinds of shipments."

PROTEST SENT TO AMBASSADOR

CHICAGO, Ill.—Today's mail is expected to deliver to Count von Bernstorff, German Ambassador at Washington, the text of a protest against the deportation of Belgians, signed by 193 professors, associate professors and assistant professors of the University of Chicago. The protest was first sent to the State Department for transmission to the Ambassador, but it was returned with information that it was contrary to the practice of the department to transmit such communications and advising that the letter be sent direct to the embassy.

ENGLISH ENGRAVINGS SALE

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The sale of English style engravings of the Eighteenth Century from the print collection of Frederic R. Halsey was continued at the Anderson Galleries last evening. The total for the session was \$6410. The grand total to date is \$239,113.50.

MEASURES FILED IN LEGISLATURE LESS IN NUMBER

This Year's Volume of Business in Massachusetts House and Senate Is Away Below That of the Past Two Years

This year's volume of business for the Legislature will be considerably below that of the last few years unless an extraordinary and unexpected deluge of bills and petitions are filed during the remainder of the week, officials of the Legislature stated today. Their opinion was based on a comparison of the measures filed up to the hour of closing last night with the number filed up to a corresponding period in previous years. The House clerk's record, which is accepted as an index, showed 330 measures filed Wednesday evening as compared with 419 last year, 430 in 1915 and 603 in 1914.

The Legislature expects a deluge of measures Saturday, the final day for filing, but this deluge is an annual occurrence and examination of the records shows that it does not vary much from year to year relatively to the number of bills filed prior to the closing Saturday. The flood of filed bills next Saturday is not expected to be greater relatively than in other years and, if this proves to be so, the total business for the session will show a marked falling off.

How the filing of business in the House has developed during the final week for receiving measures during the past few years and how each day's record for the first half of this week is behind that of recent years is shown in the following table:

	1914	1915	1916	1917
Monday	473	297	277	191
Tuesday	510	369	337	254
Wednesday	603	430	419	330
Thursday	766	587	545	387
Friday	1,057	823	784	...
Saturday	1,716	1,361	1,294	...

The year 1914 was the banner year for volume of business in the Massachusetts Legislature. The business men and the press began to criticize the mass of material that was annually submitted, since but a relatively small number of good laws resulted. The leaders of the Legislature began to discourage the filing of "flippant" bills and duplicates of any already submitted. Consequently, the number filed fell off in 1915 and again in 1916. This year the influence of the constitutional convention is expected to cause a tendency on the part of petitioners to withhold measures which would be referred to the convention any way. This may account for the smaller total already filed.

Petitions filed with the clerk of the Massachusetts House today included the following:

From Arthur S. Kneil and others of Westfield, that the annual salary of the justice of the District Court of Western Hampden be \$2000 a year and that of the clerk \$1200.

From Andrew Case and others, for amendment of the law for transportation of liquors into no-license cities and towns so that the issue of license for such transportation shall be permissive, not mandatory, and that only one such license can be issued for any one municipality.

From F. E. Burbank and others, including many officers of cooperative banks, that interest on loans by cooperative banks may be computed from the time the money is advanced.

From J. Francis Southgate, that every public service corporation supplying electricity shall have printed in suitable form all prices, rates, terms and discounts at which such corporation furnishes electricity for any purpose whatsoever, whether for general use or by special contract, and for all conditions.

From John B. Tracy, city solicitor of Taunton, that the Municipal Council of Taunton, with the approval of the Mayor, shall have exclusive authority over the removal of overhead wires and construction in that city.

From Malcolm Taylor and others for confirmation of the title of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Taunton to the Glebe lands.

From Joseph E. Warner, for protection of persons and property from the careless operation of motor vehicles, the accompanying bill providing that no license shall be issued for the operation of motor vehicles unless the applicant shall have provided indemnity satisfactory to the Highway Commission, by insurance or otherwise, against all damage that may result from his operation of motor vehicles; the act not to apply to chauffeurs.

From the Sagamore Water Company, for an extension for three years of the time within which it must supply water to the town of Bourne.

From George A. Richards and others of Middleboro, for an act to limit the taking of land on Assowampsett Pond and to require the release of certain land heretofore taken.

From Roland D. Sawyer, that it be the duty of every sealer of weights and measures to make an annual inspection of the fireproof receptacles for the keeping of matches within his jurisdiction and secure the enforcement of the present law.

From the Mayor and City Council of Leominster, who petition for an expenditure of \$10,000 by the Highway Commission for construction or improvement of Lancaster Street in that city, beginning at the town line of Lancaster and extending northerly toward Leominster Center, the road not to become State highway, but to be maintained by Leominster.

From Arthur W. Bradley, that fire, water, light, watch and improvement districts may vote to petition the director of the Bureau of Statistics for an auditing of their accounts and the installation of an accounting system.

From Arthur W. Bradley and others, that the treasurer of the Duxbury fire and water district be elected annually

by vote of the district, instead of being appointed by the district commissioners.

From Albert M. Laskey, that James F. McKissack be pensioned at half pay with the rank of captain of the Lowell fire department.

From Herbert E. Bowman, that boards of health may prohibit the sale of unpasteurized milk; from John Cronin, that voters under the new Holyoke charter may vote for seven aldermen at-large instead of five; from the Mayor of Springfield, that the city may take land, up to five acres, for the site of the technical high school.

From Clarence H. Granger, for a close season on quail in Hampden county for five years from July 1, 1917; from John Halliwell, for removal of restrictions on the use of mollusks as food taken in Clark's cove in New Bedford; from the Massachusetts Association of Sealers of Weights and Measures, for better regulation of the sale of cord wood; for legalization of the use of containers of ice cream and oysters; for better regulation of the use of graduated glass measures; for some method of sealing devices which are too small to be sealed in the usual manner.

From Reginald Robbins, for a revision of the apportionment of State and county taxes before May 15 next; from A. Franklin Priest and others, that Haverhill may erect a police station building at a cost of \$150,000 with accommodations for the Essex County courts; from Alonzo M. Butterfield, that parties moving furniture be required to furnish information regarding such removal; from John W. Stimson, for a speed limit of 25 miles an hour on motor vehicles; from Henry F. Rockwell and Henry D. Estabrook, that druggists' licenses shall not expire on the Jan. 1 after the date of the license, leaving the license without limit; from Robert J. Rafferty, for the licensing by the Commissioner of Weights and Measures of slot machines and other like automatic devices.

DELEGATES OF BROTHERHOODS MEET IN CHICAGO

Will Outline Policies Contingent on Supreme Court Decision in the Adamson Law Case

CHICAGO, Ill.—Representatives of the four brotherhoods were gathered today from all sections of the country to outline the policies contingent on the Supreme Court's action in the Adamson Law case.

W. T. Lee, president of the trainmen's union, estimated that 500 delegates were here. Unofficial comment was that unless some move actually meeting their demands was made, the brotherhoods would strike quickly and hard to bring the roads to their senses.

The chief subjects which will be discussed by the delegates are: What action can be taken by the brotherhoods to defeat a proposal that Congress pass legislation compelling the railroad men to submit their claims, under all circumstances, to arbitration; action to be taken in case the Supreme Court declares the Adamson Law unconstitutional; action to be taken should there be any undue delay before a decision is reached; what shall be done in case the Supreme Court upholds the law and the railroads still find means of evading obedience to its terms.

Lawyer Upholds Law

Contents Congress Has Power to Regulate Men's Wages

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Final arguments were heard by the Supreme Court Wednesday in the case testing constitutionality of the Adamson Act. A decision is expected within a few weeks. Meanwhile, the effectiveness of the eight-hour standard day and all litigation is suspended by agreement between the railroads and Department of Justice, with accounts being kept of additional wages due under the new law.

The closing address was made in support of the law by Frank Hagerman of Kansas City, special assistant to the Attorney-General, who contended vigorously that Congress has authority to regulate railroad employees wages in exercising its constitutional power over interstate commerce.

Maintaining power of Congress to pass the law, Hagerman said it can be operated temporarily as the Interstate Commerce Commission temporarily regulates rates.

"Is there any law of that kind?" asked Justice McKenna.

"It's done by the Interstate Commerce Commission in daily practice," said Mr. Hagerman.

"There's no claim that this law is confiscatory," the attorney continued.

"Congress acted in its discretion, a discretion with which the judiciary has no power to interfere."

The Federal employers liability, hours of service, pilotage and other laws were cited by Mr. Hagerman as precedent for the action of Congress to contracts of employment.

Justice Pitney asked if Congress had power to regulate the price which railroads shall pay for coal, cars and engines.

"I want to know if there is any vested right in private property—the line between private operation and public regulation," said Justice Pitney. "Can Congress force men to work against their will for wages they may not be satisfied with?"

Mr. Hagerman emphatically gave his individual opinion that Congress has power to enact compulsory arbitration legislation, "if necessary for the movement of trains."

That railroad workmen are just as much a part of transportation as cars or locomotives, was contended by Mr. Hagerman.



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EVENING SCHOOL PROBLEMS ARE TO BE DISCUSSED

Second of Series of Conferences on Subject to Be Held Saturday at the State Normal School in Lowell

Problems of citizenship training and other related matters will be discussed at the second of the series of conferences on evening schools in Massachusetts arranged by the State Board of Education. It is to be held next Saturday at the State Normal School in Lowell. Dr. Payson Smith, Commissioner of Education, will preside and make the opening remarks.

Teachers in evening schools under public or other auspices, members of school committees, employers and all others interested in the subject of evening schools and immigrant education are invited to attend the conferences. They are the result of an inquiry recently made by the State Board of Education concerning opportunities for immigrants not required by law to attend any school. The returns are made the basis for discussion.

These returns show that 35 out of the 36 cities of the State maintain evening schools. The other one reports no need for evening schools. No summer classes for immigrants are reported. Of the 68 towns of more than 5000 population 45 maintain evening schools. One town, North Andover, reports pupils attending school in a near-by city. Of the 249 towns of less than 5000 population, eight maintain evening schools, two have pupils attending evening schools in nearby towns, four report evening schools started this year for the first time. 218 have no evening schools and 17 towns have not reported.

One city offers day school opportunities for immigrants not obliged by law to attend day schools. Seven cities mention "special," "ungraded," "steamer" classes for illiterate minors between 14 and 16 years of age. Among cooperating organizations mentioned are churches, societies, social organizations of business men, other social organizations, particularly clubs for immigrants, and in a few cases social service organizations.

Saturday's program provides for a presentation of the Rochester plan of immigrant education by Charles E. Finch, director of the work. Ralph C. Fitts, director of evening schools at Gardner, will talk on "Organization and Follow-up Work in Training for Citizenship." Miss J. M. Campbell of the Massachusetts Library Commission will talk on "Legislation." Guy D. Gold, educational secretary of the Y. M. C. A., Boston, is to speak in the afternoon on "National Needs

of the Immigrant." Other speakers will be Laurence J. O'Leary, supervisor of evening schools, Lawrence, Ralph C. Fitts and Edwin L. Haynes, superintendent of schools, Methuen. The third conference will be held at the State Normal School, Fitchburg, on Jan. 20. The others are set for Springfield on Feb. 10 and Boston on Feb. 17.

PARK COMMISSION REPORTS ON FOUR NEW PROPOSITIONS

The Metropolitan Park Commission reported to the Legislature today that investigation shows it would not be advisable to undertake to establish camping grounds in the Metropolitan district. It would be necessary to furnish proper water supply, sewerage, care of refuse and policing, and the expense would be great.

Showers facilities at the Speedway Playground, in Brighton was reported as unnecessary by the commission because of baths already maintained at the North Brighton Playground.

The commission reported in favor of the purchase of a triangular plot of land in Everett lying between Main street, Broadway and the Revere Beach boulevard, for park purposes, and proposed that 25 per cent of the cost be borne by the Metropolitan Parkway Funds, and the balance by the city of Everett.

Recommendation of the purchase of land for a parkway from Middlesex Fells in Stoneham to Quannapowitt Parkway in Wakefield was also made by the commission. The cost of the land is estimated at \$50,000. Construction of the boulevard, which the commission believes should come later, is estimated to cost, for the full distance, \$250,000.

COLLECTOR BILLINGS TO ACT

Once again Edmund Billings, collector of the port of Boston, has been called upon to act as mediator between the Electrical Workers' Union and their employers on the subject of wages and hours. Five years ago Mr. Billings performed a similar duty and drew up a working agreement which has held until today.

TEXAS PROHIBITION MOVE

AUSTIN, Tex.—Although Gov. J. E. Ferguson in his message to the Legislature yesterday made no mention of prohibition, shortly after conclusion of its reading resolutions looking toward submission of the question to the voters of the State were submitted in both houses. The woman suffrage question also is expected to be brought before the legislative body soon.

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OFFICIAL NEWS OF THE WAR FROM CAPITALS

The struggle which has been in progress for some days past on the eastern front in the region of Riga appears to be growing in intensity, but reports from Berlin and Petrograd as to how it is developing are in serious conflict. Petrograd claims that the Russians captured German positions near Lake Babit, between the Tirlu marshes and the As River and advanced their lines over a mile to the south. Berlin, however, asserts that Russian attacks in this region have been without success.

Meanwhile, the forces of Field Marshal von Mackensen in Moldavia continue their advance northwards. The Austro-German and Bulgarian forces have now, according to Berlin, crossed the River Putna, north of Fokshani, and forced the Russians at one point across the Sereh.

Further activity is reported from the Tigris, where Indian troops have attacked the Turkish lines at the bend of the Tigris River, northeast of Kut-el-Amara. London reports successful raid on German trenches on the western front, in the neighborhood of Beaumont-Hamel.

Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from its European Bureau
BERLIN, Germany (Thursday)—Last night's official statement on military operations reads:

On the western front there has been an increase in the artillery fire north of the Ancre.

The Rumanian situation in general is unchanged.

Eastern theater—Front of Prince Leopold: Stronger Russian attacks southwest of Riga and numerous advances by smaller detachments between the coast and Lake Narocz were made again yesterday without success.

The Russians and the Rumanians vainly tried to recapture the heights positions on both sides of the Suchitza Valley that had been taken from them. Counterattacks launched with strong forces failed with most sanguinary losses. Our opponents were pushed back further both north and south of the Kasino Valley.

In the engagements of the past two days, six officers, 900 men and three machine guns fell into our hands.

Army group of Field Marshal von Mackensen: North of Fokshani we succeeded in gaining a foothold on the left bank of the Putna. Between Fokshani and Fudent we forced our defeated opponents to give up their positions behind the Putna and retreat behind the Sereh. Prisoners to the number of 550 were brought in.

At the mouth of the Rinnik Sarat we maintained against several hostile thrusts the progress we had achieved by attack.

Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from its European Bureau
LONDON, England (Thursday)—

A Egyptian communication states that on Tuesday, the British troops captured a strong enemy position of six lines of entrenchments with six main redoubts and the central keep, covering Rafa, 30 miles northeast of El Arish. The attacking forces, composed of Anzac mounted troops and the Imperial Camel Corps left El Arish at 4 p. m. on Monday, commencing the attack at 7 a. m. on Tuesday, the fighting lasting till 5 p. m., when the position was finally carried.

After an engagement the Turkish relief force was located, advancing from Shalal 16 miles east of Rafa. This force was engaged about four miles from Rafa and entirely destroyed. Full details of these operations have not yet been received but up to the present, 16 unwounded prisoners and four mountain guns have been taken. The enemy casualties so far total 600.

The official report from British headquarters in France last night reads:

The last 24 hours have been marked by a series of well-executed enterprises in various portions of our line. A highly successful minor operation was carried out last night east of Beaumont-Hamel. We seized a consolidated section of an enemy trench and took prisoner three officers and 140 men.

We carried out a successful raid this afternoon on the Loos and secured a number of prisoners.

Yesterday evening we entered our opponents' trenches opposite Arras and killed many of our opponents, destroyed a hostile machine gun and did other damage to our opponents' defenses.

Artillery activity continued in the neighborhood of Lesboeufs and on both sides of the Ancre Valley. We bombarded our opponents' trenches opposite le Sars and their battery positions in the neighborhood of Gommecourt. Destructive bombardments of our opponents' lines were also carried out north of La Bassée Canal, west of Flogesteert and in the neighborhood of Ypres.

Mesopotamia: The Indian division, advancing with great dash yesterday attacked and captured our opponents' trenches on a front of 1000 yards in the bend of the Tigris, on the right bank, northeast of Kut-el-Amara. Seven officers and 175 men were captured in the course of the operations.

Our opponents' trenches at Sannay-yat were bombarded on the same day and their lines were successfully raided in three places.

Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from its European Bureau
PARIS, France (Thursday)—The official communication issued by the War Office last night reads:

Intermittent artillery fighting occurred on the greater part of the front; it was more active north of the Somme, in the regions of Bouchavesnes and Clercy, and in the Argonne, in the sector of Four de Paris.

Belgian communication: In the region of Dixmude a violent

artillery duel took place. In the direction of Hetaas there was lively bomb fighting. The Belgian heavy artillery silenced enemy mine-throwers.

Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from its European Bureau
PETROGRAD, Russia (Thursday)—Russian troops attacking the German lines in the region of Lake Babit, west of Riga, have scored an advance of more than two kilometers, capturing a position between the Tirlu marsh and the River As, the Russian War Office announced yesterday.

Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from its European Bureau
ROME, Italy (Thursday)—In the

Ledro Valley violent artillery fire was directed against our positions on heights north of Rio Ponale. Our opponents entered one of our outposts on the southern slopes of Climo Doro but were at once ejected. In Travignolo Valley, the enemy artillery was particularly active against the Colbricon area, but no attack followed. Along the rest of the front, our artillery bombarded our opponents' lines of communication and billeting areas as usual.

Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from its European Bureau
SOFIA, Bulgaria (Thursday)—An enemy monitor bombarded Tultcha from the tributary of the Killa. We sank by artillery fire an enemy barge west of Tultcha.

GERMAN PRESS VIEWS SPEECH OF MR. GERARD

Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from its European Bureau
AMSTERDAM, Holland (Thursday)—

A Berlin telegram to the Frankfurter Zeitung of the Gerard banquet explains the Ambassador's references to German leaders as complimentary and criticizes Pan-German comments. The latter are anxious, it says, concerning the understanding pending with the United States whereby ruthless submarine warfare would be avoided.

The majority of the German press and people desire good relations with the United States, however, and would rejoice if an agreement were reached concerning armed merchantmen.

Count Reventlow's assumption that the Berlin banquet celebrated the United States' attainment of its political end is an exaggeration, both of the occasion and of what is now negotiating between Germany and the United States.

The telegram adds that Mr. Gerard's reference to the present German leaders was, perhaps, not diplomatic but well meant and in no way constituted a threat if other men came in. The paper printed the words "armed merchantmen" and "now negotiating" in spaced type.

The Dusseldorf General Anzeiger's Berlin correspondent says Count Reventlow's conclusion that the United States have apparently reached their political aims concerning Germany is wrong.

In view of the recent events, he writes, it is more probable that in future Germany may achieve her political aims as regards the United States without being hampered by Washington as has formerly been the case.

Quotations Said to Be Correct

BERLIN, Germany (Thursday), by wireless to Sayville—With reference to the message sent by the State Department at Washington to Mr. Gerard asking for information on his speech at the banquet given in his honor on Saturday night by the American Association of Commerce and Trade, it can be stated that the Ambassador's remarks were quoted correctly in the dispatches forwarded to the United States. The report sent out by the Overseas News Agency quoted the Ambassador as saying:

"Never since the beginning of the war have the relations between Germany and the United States been so cordial as now."

The Ambassador is also quoted as having said: "At no time since the foundation of the German Empire have the relations between Germany and the United States been better than they are today."

The speaker avoided any reference to the other powers in this connection and confined himself to a statement on the present friendly relations between the two governments. His remark was received with hearty applause by most of the Germans present and has been cited with approval by the newspapers, with a few exceptions.

Mr. Gerard was received on Monday by Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg for a half hour's discussion of German-American relations.

SOCIALIST GROUPS CONFER IN GERMANY

Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from its European Bureau
BERLIN, Germany (Thursday)—The

Socialist opposition parties have held an imperial conference in Leipzig. Herr Ledebour presided and 157 delegates attended, 35 representing Spartacus, or the extreme group. Herr Haase attacked the party majority, and called the Vorwaerts a Government organ. The opposition, he said, would not leave the party but would try to gain support of the masses.

The Spartacus group expressed distrust of Herr Haase's supporters and demanded an embargo on party subscriptions. They also declared the parliamentary activity of the Minority Group insufficient, maintaining that the battle must be fought with all available means, even if it led to a party split. The Minority Group, however, requested all groups to unite against party management and this was agreed to by 111 to 40 votes.

ENGLAND HEARS OF THE ENTENTE PEACE ATTITUDE

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reached the date of victory may well depend. The road to victory, long though it may be, The Times editorial concludes, is now running straight to its appointed end.

It is particularly satisfactory to the western Entente peoples that a thorough understanding, as indicated in yesterday's cables, appears to have been reached between Italy on the one hand and the rest of the Allies on the other in the matter of Greece, a somewhat unfortunate impression having been produced by Italy abstaining from identifying herself with a clause of the Dec. 31st note to Greece demanding release and reparation for Venizelists.

This understanding, however, is indicated mainly by the unity of the Allies in the latest ultimatum to Greece, for the secrets of the conference have been very closely guarded and pressmen have deduced the satisfactory nature of the conference mainly from the smiling and happy expressions of its members both in Rome and on their return to their own countries.

That the conference was of a very businesslike character was evident from the almost complete absence of ceremony usually accompanying such conferences. On Saturday the Entente representatives sat for hours, the Prime Ministers having a short consultation by themselves during the morning and civilian and military members holding separate sittings in the evening, the former to consider diplomatic problems and the latter military questions. Mr. Lloyd George's speech today is, therefore, looked forward to with especial eagerness in view of the possibility that he may shed light on what was accomplished.

Great Guildhall Meeting

Mr. Lloyd George's Speech May Refer to Near East Questions

Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from its European Bureau
LONDON, England (Wednesday)—

The announcement that Mr. Lloyd George will speak at the great Guildhall meeting tomorrow, which will inaugurate what is termed the "loan of victory," has aroused the keenest interest. The Prime Minister has not spoken in public since his House of Commons speech on his accession. Since then he has visited Rome and while the secret of the council held in the Italian capital has been well kept, those who were present are freely declared to be quite unusually satisfied with the result.

It has been stated that as a result of explanations and discussion, unity of view has been achieved by Italy and her allies and this has, of course, a vital bearing on the whole attitude of the Entente toward Greece and the near eastern question in general.

In abstaining from associating herself with her allies in the fourth clause of the Entente note on Dec. 31, which demanded release of and recompense for Venizelists arrested after the events of Dec. 1 in Athens on the ground that this was an internal matter, Italy could take the position that unlike her allies, England, France and Russia, she was not a guarantor of the Greek constitution.

It has, however, always been known that Italy did not regard Mr. Venizelos in the same favorable light as, for instance, France, and that conceiving Italian and Greek interests to clash in the Eastern Mediterranean she was perfectly ready to see Greece in the ranks of her enemies and was anxious to avoid being associated in supporting Mr. Venizelos, who has always so strongly asserted Greek claims and aspirations in the Eastern Mediterranean and in Asia Minor.

If the inspired statement in the Paris press that Italy identified herself with the Allies at the point of view regarding Greece, after obtaining certain explanations, means as it seems to do that in the joint note handed to the Athens Government yesterday morning demanding immediate acceptance of the demands in a previous note, Italy identified herself with all the Entente demands without reservation a further step has clearly been taken in the consolidation of this alliance.

Additional probability is lent to this view by the reported presence at the Rome conference of General Milne, British commander at Salonika, Sir F. Elliot, British Minister in Athens, and Earl Granville, newly appointed British agent to the Venizelos Government. Many other vital matters were, of course, undoubtedly discussed, hence, it is expected Mr. Lloyd George's speech tomorrow may contain a very important pronouncement.

Italy and Greece

Former Now in Line With Allies on Near East Problem

Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from its European Bureau
LONDON, England (Thursday)—The

Christian Science Monitor representative is informed in authoritative quarters that it is perfectly correct that Italy has definitely come into line with the Allies in the matter of Greece and Mr. Venizelos. Responsible Italian newspapers have of late been particularly emphatic in the anti-Venizelist line they have always adopted. The Corriere della Sera has lent its columns to statements that Mr. Venizelos is responsible for rendering vain all negotiations between the Athens Government and the Entente and that there was general disapproval of his action in imposing his Government on the Cyclades which was unwilling to accept it spontaneously, a statement which is the direct reverse of the truth, the Venizelos Government being

everywhere the result of the popular movement which has made him leader of three-quarters of Greece, including the islands.

While publishing these statements from correspondents, the Corriere della Sera also endeavored to minimize Mr. Lloyd George's recognition of the Venizelos representatives.

Other newspapers have urged the extension of the blockade to the Venizelos territory and have appeared to associate themselves with the attitude of the Athens Government. It is not clear that the newspapers have given expression to any large body of Italian opinion, but only to that of the ultraimperialists who feel that Greece, under the leadership of Mr. Venizelos, with his nationalist aspirations extending to Asia Minor, could not possibly fall to clash with Italian ambitions in the eastern Mediterranean.

The Christian Science Monitor informant considered that a very important result had been achieved in bringing Italy into line with the Allies, and Italy had shown a "very excellent spirit," full of promise for the immediate future in setting unity above every other consideration.

Gigantic War Loan

Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from its European Bureau
LONDON, England (Thursday)—All

sections of the press are uniting in an effort to give the new war loan a hearty welcome. This morning's papers devote one and two columns in prominent positions, reviewing the various factors attending the issue. In a lengthy leading article The Times points out the duty of citizens to lend and urges all classes to sink questions of private profit in patriotism. The keynote of The Times article is that service during the war is as necessary as military service.

Application for seats at the great city meeting this afternoon in the Guildhall to inaugurate the war loan campaign have far exceeded available space.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, after the opening remarks of the Lord Mayor, will announce the terms of the loan and explain the operation. The Premier will then speak, followed by Mr. McKenna. Thus there will be on the platform three men who held the chancellorship of the Exchequer, Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. McKenna, and Mr. Bonar Law, who now occupies the office.

No resolution will be moved, but enthusiasm is high, and, it is expected, the loan should prove the most gigantic financial operation in history.

FARE INCREASE FOR ELEVATED NOT TO BE APPROVED

Special Commission Is Opposed to Any Advance in Rate, Says Lieutenant-Governor

The special commission created under the act of the last Legislature to investigate the subject of the Boston Elevated's financial condition will not approve a fare increase when it makes its report to the Legislature.

"The commission is opposed to an increase in fares," said Lieut.-Gov. Caldwell, chairman of the commission, when the commission finished an executive session this morning.

"The Elevated has been very anxious to have an increase in fares," continued Lieutenant-Governor Caldwell. "Our great problem has been to get the Elevated out of its trouble without an increase in fares."

Lieutenant-Governor Caldwell said that the commission has had in mind the taking over of the Cambridge subway and some remission of the franchise and compensation taxes, amounting to about \$600,000, in the nature of a loan, if it is later shown by an expert investigation, that such relief is needed.

The commission, he said, will recommend that the Public Service Commission undertake a thorough investigation of the Boston Elevated's financial condition, as well as a comprehensive study of the service, with a view to its development and improvement.

Prof. George F. Swain, chairman of the Boston Transit Commission, is working on a draft of a report. The commission will meet again next Tuesday afternoon.

AUTO DRIVER ON PROBATION

WALTHAM, Mass.—Thomas J. Farrell of South Sudbury, who was arrested on Jan. 4 by the Watertown police for operating an automobile while under the influence of liquor, was released on \$200 bonds and placed under the supervision of probation officers by Judge Samuel P. Abbott in the Waltham District Court today. Judge Abbott will make final disposition of the case on March 12. On Jan. 4 Farrell was driving an auto truck, which collided with a machine owned by Thomas A. Crimmins of West Newton and operated by John Fitzpatrick. Probation officers have been investigating the circumstances and with several South Sudbury residents appeared in court today in behalf of Farrell.

CENTRAL POWERS FOOD SUPPLY

Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from its European Bureau
BERLIN, Germany (Thursday)—In an interview with Swedish journalists, Herr von Batocki said there had never been any question of food difficulties in Hungary. Austria's own grain harvest would possibly not last until the new harvest and Germany had, therefore, contemplated allowing her some 100,000 tons, but the Rumanian booty had rendered this unnecessary. He admitted the existence of local difficulties, but considered these were more frequent and worse in enemy countries.

CHAPMAN PLAN FOR STATE HOUSE GROUNDS IS URGED

Commission in Report to Legislature Says Improvement Can Be Made at \$35,000 Cost

In a special report to the Legislature today the State House Commission recommended the adoption of a plan for the completion of the State House grounds, known as the Chapman plan, at a cost of \$35,000. The main features of the present front entrance are retained. The commission also reported that the laying out of the State House grounds and the grounds of the Hancock house should be studied in unison if the Legislature decides to restore the John Hancock house as recommended in the Governor's inaugural address.

For the purpose of completing the State House grounds, the commission reported that it had caused to be taken for the Commonwealth the property adjoining the State House on the west, bounded by Hancock Avenue, Beacon Street and a line between the estate of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and William Endicott, between Beacon Street and Joy Place.

The matter of settlement is now in the hands of the Attorney-General's department, and the demolition of the buildings is under way.

With the cooperation of the Art Commission plans for the completion of the grounds have been made. Two plans were considered, the Chapman plan, prepared by William Chapman, and the Andrews plan, prepared by Robert D. Andrews, both employed by the commission as architects. The Andrews plan was estimated to cost \$55,000.

The main features of the Chapman plan, the one favored by the commission, are the removal of the two foundations and steep bank on which they are cut down to a gradual slope to the wall on Beacon Street. The long and narrow steps to the front are left. The iron balustrade, which emphasizes their narrowness, is removed and a new granite capping put on. The wall, fence and steps are retained.

In front of the east wing the walk is narrowed at the Beacon Street entrance wall and an iron fence is built along Beacon and Bowdoin streets, and the area within is filled and grassed over. On the west wing side a walk is built to the entrance similar to the east wing, a granite balustrade is added in front of the forward projection to match the east wing and a wall and iron fence is built along Beacon Street as on the Bulfinch front. The present path to the west side is removed. The Hancock house can be replaced on the east area or the entire plot filled, graded and grassed over.

Estimates for the cost of replacing the Hancock house are placed at \$80,000.

DECISION ON LEAK INQUIRY UP TO HOUSE

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mentioned, particularly as having himself told Mr. Lawson, as the latter alleges, that "high officials" were rumored to have been mixed up in speculations on "leak" information.

Nor is that all, for Mr. Lawson is further rumored to have been told by a New York banker of a joint stock speculation account with a high official, close to the administration, with whom this banker is known to have had large professional dealings in the past.

While Mr. Lawson has never claimed to have any first hand knowledge on either of these cases, the Democrats know that if he gives the names in a hearing, which would make the rumors privileged material which the newspapers could publish without being liable for libel, it would be almost impossible for a great mass of the public not to accept the rumors, however little evidence in their support was brought out, or how much done to disprove them.

To add to this embarrassment of the Democrats, especially those of the Rules Committee, the control of the Rules Committee has several times been virtually snatched from their hands by intervention of the House in overruling recommendations of this committee.

With a huge mass of legislation crowding for handling during the remainder of the session, it is more than usually important that the "machine" work well and the Rules Committee is about nine-tenths of the whole "machine," so far as partisan control of legislation under such circumstances is concerned.

Then, if more embarrassment were needed, an extra session looms large, and will bring in a new Congress in which control is so evenly divided that no one yet knows which party will organize the House and with a prospect that party lines will be broken and the whole structure of House rules broken down and "machine" control done away with.

Technically the Rules Committee voted on strict party lines as followed in executive session this noon. First, it refused to consider the substitute resolution presented for the Republicans by Representative Campbell of Kansas for the broadest possible investigation of the alleged "leak."

They voted not to consider the "first Wood resolution" which is not privileged and has been pending for some time before the committee. Then they voted to report adversely the second Wood resolution for a "leak" investigation, which is the one upon which the hearings have been held.

Another session of public hearing was held this morning to hear the testimony of James Reilly, managing editor of the Wall Street Journal and of the ticker service which printed an

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intimation that the President would issue a peace note that afternoon, before it was given to the Washington newspaper men for publication the next morning.

Evidence showed that, although the Washington representatives sent messages to the Wall Street Journal that the forthcoming note was officially stated not to be a peace note, "a broker's private wire" from Washington carried different information which was brought to the Wall Street Journal by its reporters in New York and was used as a basis for the ticker statement, although the fact that official Washington said it was not a peace note had been received.

James Reilly, managing editor of the Wall Street Journal, was heard by the Rules Committee at a session of a public hearing held for that purpose this morning. He explained the ticker service of Dow, Jones & Co., publishers of the Wall Street Journal. His business, he said, is to print "every bit of gossip which reaches us," that may affect the stock market.

"If we are given something in confidence we would maintain our honor first and would retain no man in our employ who would not do so," he said. "About 11:30 one of our reporters told us that the President was preparing some sort of a peace note. We explained the origin of a statement carried on the ticker about 2:10 p. m. the day before the publication of the President's peace note, to the effect that 'brokers' private wires' were carrying intimations that the President would, in the near future, address to the belligerents some proposals for peace."

Mr. Reilly said that the origin of this was in Wall Street "rumors," and that nothing received from their Washington representatives furnished any basis for it. Telegrams were introduced in support of this, the company's explaining the origin of a statement carried on the ticker about 2:10 p. m. the day before the publication of the President's peace note, to the effect that the belligerents some proposals for peace."

The general effect of this ticker statement, Mr. Reilly believed to have been wholesome. It was coming to be generally rumored that "something of a very disturbing nature" was impending. It was undoubtedly mechanically a weak market and the result of such a market was to enable brokers to strengthen their margins and generally adjust accounts." He referred to rumors "of the street," brought to his office, of a meeting of brokers "about Dec. 15 at the Metropolitan Club at which they were reported to have 'compared notes' and come to the conclusion that an amount of industrial were being offered for collateral which made a dangerous situation, and, as a result of their meeting, unprecedentedly heavy margins were demanded and in some cases full payment required."

The witness stated that, so far as he knew, there was no advance information as to Mr. Lansing's first communication to the President's note and that the price of Steel was evidence of this.

The witness was then excused and no others were present, or are expected to be heard. The committee then went into executive session to decide what action to take on the whole subject.

Chairman Henry of the Rules Committee today received a letter from Samuel Untermyer of New York denying that he had any conversation with Mr. Lawson or given any advice of a professional nature.

RETIRING AMERICAN MINISTER

THE HAGUE, Holland (Thursday)—Henry Van Dyke, the retiring American Minister to the Netherlands, will present his letter of recall to Queen

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Wilhelmina this afternoon and dine with the Queen and her consort in the evening. Dr. Van Dyke expressed regret that he was leaving the land of his ancestors, where he said he had met with so much kindness and made so many friends. He added that though no longer Minister to the Netherlands, he would continue to work for the maintenance of the good understanding and the true friendship existing between the two countries.

PRINCE TO VISIT SWITZERLAND

Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from its European Bureau
BERLIN, Germany (Thursday)—Prince Johann Georg of Saxony has been sent to Switzerland to join Prince von Buelow and Count Goltzchowski.

MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION FOR STATE IS URGED

In Joint Statement Presidents of Highway Safety League and Safe Roads Automobile Association Advocate Change

Complete separation of motor vehicle supervision and highway construction in Massachusetts by removing the powers of regulating motor vehicles and the granting of licenses to operators from the State Highway Commission and conferring them upon a newly created commission, is advocated in a joint statement by Moorfield Storey, president of the Highway Safety League, and Francis Peabody, president of the Safe Roads Automobile Association. At the annual meeting of the Safe Roads Automobile Association yesterday it was voted to support a bill in the Legislature to create a separate commission.

The joint statement begins by referring to Governor McCall's comments on the highway situation and his proposals for improving the situation, and continues:

"The first is by rearranging the departments of the Highway Commission either by adding a fourth commissioner to supervise motor vehicle operation and registration or by permitting the present board to delegate certain of its powers to an assistant. The second is by creating a motor vehicle commission distinct and apart from the Highway Commission."

"That a change is necessary in the system of motor vehicle supervision is admitted on all sides. In spite of efforts both on the part of public officials and private organizations to make the highways safer, conditions have become steadily worse. Each year sees an increase in the number of incompetent operators licensed without regard to fitness. Violations of law more and more frequently go unpunished. There is neither coordination nor harmony between the various authorities having to do with the subject. The motor vehicle problem requires treatment of the most expert kind. Such treatment is now lacking because the Highway Commission, the body most nearly concerned with the problem, is so overloaded with other work that it cannot devote proper attention to protecting the lives and safety of the public."

"The two proposals referred to, while somewhat similar on their face, differ radically in fact. One assumes that highway construction and automobile regulation naturally go hand in hand and that the present method of combining the two under one head has proved satisfactory. The other proposal proceeds on the theory that a board of engineers is not the proper body to frame and enforce what are essentially police regulations and that present conditions prove it. These conditions are just what one would expect from motor vehicle supervision by a road building commission. The bulk of the attention, time and interest of the commissioners is spent on road building and an enormous proportion of the motor vehicle fund is diverted to road construction. (Half of the approximately \$3,000,000 spent annually by the Highway Commission is derived from motor vehicle registration and license fees, of which 88 per cent is expended upon road construction and only 12 per cent upon motor vehicle regulation). Consequently motor vehicle regulation is getting neither the money nor thought which its importance at the present juncture requires."

"The first proposal of the Governor which is understood to be suggested by the Highway Commission, leaves the control as before with that board, merely reeling off a certain troublesome detail. Such a plan is absurd. The purpose of relieving the three commissioners of such details is to give them more time for road building. The more time they give to road building and the further removed they become from immediate contact with the automobile problem, the less interest will they have in it, consequently, the less money will be appropriated to deal with it; the less keenly they will have concerning it and consequently, less intelligently will they treat it. The remedy goes precisely on the wrong track."

"It is vital to meet the problem with both courage and intelligence. The first proposal is neither courageous nor intelligent, but a feeble makeshift suggested by the Highway Commission for the purpose of preserving its own authority and prestige. A separate commission must be established. The commissioner must be a man of high caliber, entitled to a good salary, with a chance to exercise his intelligence and enterprise on the problem before him and upon whom shall fall the responsibility of meeting this problem successfully. Such a man will not serve in a merely subordinate position. Whether the Highway Commission so desires or not, it must give over without reserve the control it now exercises over motor vehicle regulation to a commission which will have no temptation to divert its funds to other purposes and whose interests are primarily those of public safety."

"That an immediate and active demand exists for the complete separation of motor vehicle supervision and highway construction is shown by the fact that bills providing for a motor vehicle commission are being filed by at least three different organizations." At the annual meeting of the Safe Roads Automobile Association at 104 Devonshire Building it was decided to advocate the following bills before the present Legislature:

"A bill to create a single-headed Motor Vehicle Commission to take over from the Highway Commission the registration and regulation of

motor vehicles and the granting of licenses to operate the same.

"A bill requiring an examination of all operators of motor vehicles before granting them licenses."

"A bill providing that henceforth no license to operate a motor vehicle shall be granted to any person under 18 years of age."

"A bill to require cities and towns to designate cross-walks and safety zones in their thickly settled districts where pedestrians shall be safe from vehicles and providing that if pedestrians cross or walk upon the traveled part of the street at other points they shall do so at their own risk."

The following directors were elected: R. L. Agassiz, George E. Cabot, George D. Clapp, George E. Crocker, George A. Draper, William Endicott Jr., William A. Gaston, Edwin Farnham, Alexander S. Porter Jr., Francis Peabody, Charles S. Rackemann, Henry E. Russell, Richard M. Saltonstall, Frederic E. Snow and Elliot Wadsworth.

At a meeting of the directors, held immediately after the annual meeting, the following officers were elected: President, Francis Peabody; secretary and treasurer, Kenneth Howes; executive committee, R. L. Agassiz, George D. Clapp, Francis Peabody, Alexander S. Porter Jr., Charles S. Rackemann.

WAR SAVINGS ISSUE PLAN FOR CANADIAN FUND

Special to The Christian Science Monitor
OTTAWA, Ont.—Sir Thomas White, Minister of Finance, has announced the first step in connection with his campaign for greater national saving and the larger participation of the general public in financing Canada's war expenditure and furnishing imperial credits for the purchase of munitions in Canada.

An issue of war savings certificates maturing in three years in denominations of \$25, \$50 and \$100 will be created. They will be obtainable upon application to any bank or postal money order office in the Dominion. The prices are \$21.50, \$43, and \$86 respectively, that is to say, for every \$21.50 lent now to the Government, \$25 will be returned at the end of three years.

The discount of \$3.50 constitutes a most attractive interest return. Provision is made whereby the certificates may be surrendered at any time during the first 12 months at their purchase price; after 12 months, but within 24 months, at \$22.25, and after 24 months but within 36 months, at \$23.25 for every \$21.50 paid. This means that the longer the certificates are held, the higher the rate of interest that will be obtained.

MR. DANIELS IS CONFIRMED BY VOTE OF 42 TO 15

Special to The Christian Science Monitor from its Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, D. C.—Winthrop M. Daniels, of New Jersey, was confirmed by the Senate late Wednesday to serve another term as a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission. The vote stood 42 to 15. The nomination of Mr. Daniels by President Wilson was confirmed after a prolonged delay during which certain of the progressive Republican element endeavored to deny the confirmation. Chief of the opponents was Senator Cummins of Iowa, who made a speech in opposition, based on the views Mr. Daniels held in connection with the 5 per cent rate case. Mr. Daniels was supported by 14 Republicans and opposed by five Democrats.

BUSINESS MEN TOLD TO ELIMINATE WASTE

CINCINNATI, O.—A plea to the American business man to learn his own business thoroughly, so that he can eliminate waste and thereby compete with foreign trade at the end of the European war, was made here Wednesday night by Edward N. Hurley, former chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, in an address before the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce.

"We know less about our own business than any nation in the world. Ninety per cent of the manufacturers do not know what it costs them to produce their goods."

TRADE UNION LEAGUE

The annual meeting of the Women's Trade Union League was held at headquarters, 919 Washington Street, last evening, when Miss Julia S. O'Connor was reelected president. Other officers elected were: First vice-president, Mrs. Ida S. Ripley; second vice-president, Mrs. L. B. Rantoul; treasurer, Miss Barbara Burr; executive committee, Miss Leone Baker, Boot & Shoe Workers' Union; Mrs. Bridget Dunn, Office Building Cleaners Union; Mrs. Susan Fitzgerald, Miss Maud Foley, Shirt Waist Makers Union; Miss Marion Hanford, Carmen's Union; Mrs. Della Hurley, Waitresses Union; Miss May Matthews, Telephone Operators Union; Miss Mary Meehan, Bindery Women's Union; Miss Ella Westcott, Retail Clerks Union; Miss Alma Weisner, Stenographers Union, and Miss Rose Sullivan, Telephone Operators Union.

MARINE ENGINEERS MEET

The fourth annual dinner of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association was held at the Crawford House last evening. President James J. Rafferty presided and George H. Willey acted as toastmaster. Among the guests were William Gilman, Frank L. Goudy, John A. Stuart, John Holman, Robert B. Clark, Herman T. Parker, Joseph T. Drake and H. N. Tait, all of the United States Inspection Department.

SOCIAL WELFARE COMMITTEE HAS INSURANCE PLAN

Massachusetts Legislature Gives It Governor's Recommendations and First Report of High Cost of Living Board

That the social welfare committee of the Massachusetts Legislature is to be one of the "big" committees this year became evident yesterday when it received for consideration, by vote of the Legislature, Governor McCall's social insurance recommendations and the first report of the commission on the high cost of living, that relating to the prices of coal.

There had been discussion about sending the social insurance program to the committee on insurance, but this was frowned upon by some leaders who believed the insurance rather than the social phase of the subject, would be emphasized by this committee, composed largely of insurance men. The proposal of a special legislative committee to handle social insurance, similar to the committee which considered the Governor's reorganization recommendations last year, was rejected.

Bills and petitions to the Legislature are coming into the offices of the Senate and House clerks in large numbers daily. The final hour for receiving them is 5 p. m. Saturday. Special arrangements have been made in the House clerk's office for handling the usual "big Saturday" rush. A lengthy table with drop electric lights is one of the special additions.

Yesterday's additions to the bills previously filed includes several Boston tunnel measures, filed by Senator Lawler on behalf of the Dorchester Board of Trade. They call for three tunnel extensions.

Tunnel No. 1, as it is called in the bill, would connect with the now almost completed tube at Andrew Square in South Boston and go under Dorchester Avenue to Pierce Square at Dorchester Lower Mills. Tunnel No. 2 would run from Andrew Square under Boston Street and Columbia Road, to Uphams Corner, then to Geneva Avenue and Bowdoin Street and to Codman Square. Tunnel No. 3, known as the Mattapan tube, would begin where the present Washington Street tunnel ends at Oak Street, pass under Washington Street and the railroad tracks to Harrison Avenue, near Waltham Street, under that thoroughfare to Blue Hill Avenue and under the latter to Mattapan Square.

An interesting bill was filed on petition of Eugene V. R. Thayer, president of the Merchants National Bank, and many others from almost 100 other cities of the State, seeking the creation of a system of industrial banks. Among the Boston names on the petition are those of Louis K. Liggett, Charles L. Edgar, president of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, and George H. Smith, former president of the Chamber of Commerce. Other signers are from Brockton, New Bedford, Salem, Holyoke, Springfield, Chelsea and Fall River.

The bill provides that 10 or more persons may incorporate to do business as an industrial bank if authorized to do so by the Board of Bank Incorporation. The institution must have \$25,000 capital in a town of less than 50,000 population, \$50,000 capital in a place of more than 50,000 but less than 150,000 population, and \$100,000 capital in a place of more than 150,000 people. Shares are to have a par value of \$100 and 25 per cent of the capitalization must be paid in cash before business is done, the remainder to be paid in cash at the rate of not less than 10 per cent a month. The business of the bank is to loan money at 6 per cent interest and to sell or negotiate bonds, notes, certificates of indebtedness. Loans may be made on the installment plan or payment received in the same way.

A bill filed by the National Automobile Association of special interest to motorists and owners of commercial trucks calls for a new scale of automobile fees. Their bill proposes \$2 for a motor vehicle, \$5 for every commercial motor vehicle used solely as such and for every motor truck of capacity of one ton or less, and \$3 additional for every additional ton or fraction, \$5 for every automobile less than 23 horsepower, \$10 thence to \$3, \$15 thence to \$43, \$20 thence to \$3, \$25 thence to \$43, and \$30 for every automobile of 63 and above.

Among other petitions were the following: Harvey E. Frost, for the funding of the unfunded debt of the Boston & Maine Railroad; from the same, for the purchase by the State of the capital stock of the Boston & Maine Railroad now owned by the Boston Railroad Holding Company.

John J. Kearney, for one day off in seven for employees of hotels and restaurants.

Lloyd Makepeace, that primaries for city elections in Malden shall not be necessary where not more than twice as many candidates have been named as are to be elected, but that they shall be the candidates on the official ballot.

John F. Daly, that in cities of 90,000 population and more all superior officers and all persons in the Civil Service connected with the Police Department, except in Boston, after one year of service shall have one day's absence in seven with full compensation.

William P. Wharton, for the better protection of useful birds by the licensing of cats.

Louis S. Cox, that a second district attorney for the Southern District be appointed.

Courtenay Crocker, for the establishment of a bureau of employment under the direction of the State Board of Labor and Industries.

Lawrence F. Quigley, for the abolition

tion of grade crossings of streets and railroads in Chelsea.

Herbert M. Plimpton and others, that trust companies may use the term "bank" as part of their name.

Luke D. Mullen, that the members of the Board of Incorporation receive \$1000 a year additional salary for their services and that their clerk get \$600 more.

Van C. Lawrence, that all State employees and officials who get less than \$1800 a year each shall have an increase of 25 per cent in their salary.

In the House yesterday three members who had not previously qualified—Pierce of Greenfield, Raymond of Essex and Perry of Somerville—were escorted before the Governor and Council and received the oath. Mr. Perry was assigned to the Metropolitan Affairs Committee, Mr. Pierce to Ways and Means and Mr. Raymond to Judiciary.

Appropriation bills were received, several of last year's bills which had been referred to the "next General Court" were taken from the files and subjects in the Governor's inaugural message were referred to appropriate committees.

Reporting in response to a resolve of the Legislature of 1916, Charles E. Burbank, state supervisor of administration, opposes the proposed plan of pensioning the needy blind and favors instead a system of employment for which pay shall be given.

He recommends that the Legislature create a Commissioner of the Blind, who shall have an advisory unpaid board to assist him. The commissioner shall be charged particularly with seeing that the various State boards and organizations which are charged with caring for the blind are harmonized.

The Commission on Fisheries and Game favors national regulation of the taking of certain migratory fish in a special report on fishing in Buzzards Bay.

Clerks Are Appointed

Several legislative committees yesterday afternoon elected clerks as follows:

Constitutional Amendments, Cornelius Boothman of Adams; Federal Relations, William S. Conroy of Fall River; Insurance, John Craig of Boston; Metropolitan Affairs, Addison P. Beardsley of Boston; Municipal Finance, Gilbert G. Southworth of New Bedford; Roads and Bridges, J. Warren Moulton of Rutland; Street Railways, Robert S. Kent of Pittsfield; Taxation, Burgess H. Spinney of Weymouth; Towns, Arthur E. Marsh of Springfield.

CONGRESSMAN FESS SPEAKS TO BANKERS

Government ownership of public utilities is the trend of the times, said Congressman Simeon D. Fess of Ohio, speaking at the annual dinner of the Massachusetts Bankers Association in the Copley-Plaza last night. In order to counteract this movement, he said, it is necessary for business men to inform the public upon the danger of governmental ownership of many of the things advocated. Congressman Fess advocated increasing the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission as a means of meeting the popular demand.

The Congressman spoke also for a modification of the Federal Reserve Act, the bankers applauding his statements. The budget system, he said, will be used in running the Federal Government's finances at no distant time. He attacked the present system of appropriations as being productive of much "pork barrel" spoil. He concluded with a tribute to United States Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, saying that while the senior Senator from Massachusetts was on the Committee on Foreign Relations the United States would be kept out of war.

Prof. Albert B. Hart of Harvard University, was another speaker, taking for his subject "Peace and War." He commended the peace movement and the work along this line of the United States Government.

IMMIGRATION WORK OF PORT IS GROWING

Growth of the statistical department of the United States immigration service at Boston has been so great that additional space has been found necessary, and pending the additional appropriation of about \$100,000 needed to begin work on the new immigration station here, temporary space has been arranged at the present station on Long Wharf.

The carpenter shop of the station has been vacated and that room is to be used by the statisticians. The shop will now be located in a room formerly used by the United States customs service at Long Wharf, but taken over by the immigration service when the customs guards were moved to the Custom House Tower.

Henry J. Skeffington, United States Commissioner of Immigration at Boston, says the expansion of this work is another argument in favor of immediate action in Washington on the new station to be built at Jeffries Point, East Boston. While actual immigration here is now lower than usual, the number of warrant cases and investigations being taken care of is much larger than ever before, and the work is keeping the inspectors as well as statisticians busy.

ABSTINENCE ENCOURAGED

Alonso Meserve, for many years headmaster of the Bowdoin Grammar School, provided in his will that if any of his nine children in any way used intoxicants or habit-forming drugs \$1000 should be taken from their share of the estate and divided equally among the others, and in case they all failed to meet the requirements of total abstinence, the several sums are to be given to the Massachusetts Total Abstinence Society. The entire estate was left in trust to Mrs. Abbie Marilla Meserve.



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DUAL CONTROL OF NATIONAL GUARD IS CONDEMNED

Special to The Christian Science Monitor from its Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, D. C.—Dual control of the National Guard was condemned by witnesses of the National Security League who appeared before the Senate Military Affairs Committee today to advocate the proposed system of universal military training.

Four witnesses were men who served on the Mexican border with squadron A, New York National Guard, and they looked upon the present system with disfavor because they held it placed an unjust burden upon patriotic citizens. They held that the universal system would distribute this burden with equity, making all able men liable to service in emergency. Herbert Barry, secretary of the league, opened the hearing with a statement in which he called the dual system unfair, held the universal system "truly democratic and not militaristic," and declared that military training produces an asset to the community in increased business efficiency.

He stated that it has become a truism that the United States is not in the proper state of preparedness. This, said he, is what the league is working for, though he explained that the National Security League is as strongly opposed to war and military autocracy as any other organization.

The present system of defense in the United States he characterized as "unworkable," penalizing one man by making him do service for the country while his neighbor stays at home in comfort. He favored the fundamentals of the bill being considered by the Senate committee and urged its speedy enactment. He thought the proper time for the Government to take a man for military training was between 18 and 21 years.

The enlisted men who testified were: Alden S. Blodgett, John Elliott, George S. Hornblower, and Allen F. Klotz. With the exception of Mr. Hornblower, who was a private, the witnesses had served their National Guard commands as noncommissioned officers. Mr. Elliott expressed doubt as to the ability of the National Guard to be recruited up to even peace strength today, because of the experience of the men who went to the border. This, said he, makes it the more imperative to adopt a universal system, in which none will be slackers.

Col. Charles E. Lydecker of the New York National Guard advocated a standing army of from 300,000 to 500,000 men. Then he would draft annually 150,000 more men for a period of intensive military training. The remainder of the able citizens, about 15,000,000 he estimated, should be taken for short periods of military training, according to his viewpoint of the national need.

ARMY AND NAVY Y. M. C. A.

The Army and Navy Y. M. C. A. headquarters at 14 Harvard Street, Charlestown, are entirely inadequate, according to the report of Secretary Frederick E. Morrison, issued yesterday. The report says that of the 11,452 enlisted men who bought lodgings last year, several hundred slept on the tables and floor. A campaign to raise funds for a new building will begin Feb. 5.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION IS DECLARED A NEED

Establishment of a school of education in New England, was advocated by Payson Smith, Commissioner of Education for Massachusetts, at a meeting of the Boston branch of the Collegiate Alumnae Association, at Boston University Wednesday afternoon.

"I believe the one thing that would do more than anything else for the sound development of education in New England," said Commissioner Smith, "would be the founding here of a school of education similar in scope and purpose to Teachers College of New York. With 7,000,000 people and a school enrollment of 1,500,000 pupils, these six states should have something more for the upbuilding of our profession than normal schools, whose primary task must remain the teaching of elementary school methods and a few meagerly supported departments of education in colleges."

REPORT OF NEW HEAD FOR CANADIAN PACIFIC

Special to The Christian Science Monitor from its Montreal Bureau
MONTREAL, Quebec—Many rumors claiming good authority have come from the Middle West recently regarding a change in the presidency of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

The most recent of these name Lord Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific, as the next Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Lord Shaughnessy has labeled them all as untrue, the latest being called by him "a creation of a brilliant newspaper imagination."



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WASHINGTON STREET AT SUMMER—BOSTON

BOOK REVIEWS AND LITERARY NEWS

BOOKER WASHINGTON AND HIS GREAT WORK

"Booker T. Washington: Builder of a Civilization." By Emmett J. Scott and Lyman Beecher Stowe. Doubleday, Page & Co. \$2 net.

The authors of this book disclaim having made a formal definitive biography. As they say, "The formal, exhaustive life and letters remain to be compiled." Booker T. Washington, in his "Up From Slavery," covered the first part of his career autobiographically, and in a way that any later biographer can hardly hope to rival. As for his life after he left Hampton Institute for Tuskegee, it cannot be told in its entirety probably until some years have passed, for back of the both seeming and real success which he achieved as a racial leader and pioneering educator, there were struggles and struggles, victories and defeats, which it would serve no good purpose to disclose now, if ever.

What the authors of this book have done is simply described. Under broad titles such as "Washington the Man," "Washington the Educator," "Washington and the Negro Farmer," "Managing a Great Institution" and "The Leader of His Race," they have dealt as synthetically as possible with differing phases of the man's career and record, making cumulative the presentation of pertinent facts. How he met race prejudice, how he got close to the people—Caucasian and African—how he built up the \$4,000,000 "plant" and annually secured the large income necessary to run the Tuskegee School, these also are described in an authoritative way. For the makers of the book were chosen for the work by Dr. Washington, one of them being his secretary for 18 years. They have had access to complete data of a written or printed sort. On its informational side the book no doubt is accurate so far as it goes; but it lacks anything of an intimate sort, drawn from journal or diary, showing what the reactions of this leader of an ostracized race were as he came to know the burdens and buffets of his position, as well as its delights and rewards. Not much of his correspondence is given, and such as is centers mainly around political appointments in the South, his own unquestioning loyalty to Mr. Roosevelt and the attacks which Dr. Washington had to meet from critics who were of his own race.

The only new disclosure respecting the man's character which will come with much surprise to his friends and supporters is the revelation as to the pace at which he forced his subordinates to work and the relative severity with which he maintained discipline and uttered his admonitory homilies. There is a form of reaction against collective or community treatment of a repressive nature endured in youth, which adults often show when they come to power. Enforced severity not infrequently breeds later capricious and arbitrary use of power. For the student of educational ideals and methods the record of Hampton Institute and of Tuskegee, of Samuel Armstrong and Booker T. Washington, as they developed those institutions, has unusual value, for they pioneered with Negro and Indian youth in many forms of vocational education and "extension" work, that only recently have been discovered by educators of the Caucasian youth of the country, and in their case often derived from Germany. Whereas Mr. Armstrong got his ideas and ideals from Mark Hopkins at Williams College and from study of his own father's handling of the primitive Hawaiians following the invasion of the Pacific islands by the New England missionaries. What Mr. Armstrong proved workable at Hampton, Dr. Washington emphasized and expanded at Tuskegee, namely, that education was by as well as for work, and that personalities as well as text books, willing and doing as well as thinking and hoping, were parts of any well-considered program.

Dr. Washington's policy of opportunism as a race leader, his subordination—but not elimination—of emphasis on legal and political rights, his demand that his race should for a season stress economic and industrial efficiency rather than social liberties and equalities, differentiated him from all previous leaders of his race, and involved him in his most prolonged and acrimonious controversy. It should be said that he usually declined to descend to polemical strife, being content to let history judge him and his policy. He is supported in his general attitude by the authors of this book, and one of them is a grandson of Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

Whatever the verdict of time may be upon this prudential policy, it must be said for it that it enabled him to have a wider range of influence, North and South, than any man of his race ever has had. Following his famous speech at Atlanta in 1895, in which he won the South and at the same time proved himself to be a commanding orator, there was a lowering of the temperature of hostility between the races, that, broadly speaking, has not been heightened to this day. Racial self-consciousness and pride among the Negroes have increased, with a consequent diminution of desire to amalgamate the races or to dispute over social equality. State and Federal aid to schools for the Negroes, along lines championed at Tuskegee, has both decreased illiteracy and enhanced the economic independence of descendants of former slaves. Parasitic types of political and ecclesiastical leaders who batted on the freedmen following the war are not as common as they used to be. Schools for education of Negro educators, lawyers, journalists and other professional men continue to train leaders, as Dr. Washington always insisted they must.

Such facts will have to be reckoned

with by the latter day biographer of Dr. Washington when he comes to reckon with the charges of his contemporary critics that he betrayed his race by his emphasis on economic capacity and social duties rather than on political rights. His own words show that he never differed from his critics' ideals, but only as to ways and means of making them real. He was for a bank, they for a front attack; he for the methods of the sun, they for the ways of the north wind in stripping the traveler of his coat. He declined to hate any one, or to counter a blow for a blow. A more practical Tolstolain the country has not had.

SWISS NOTES

ZURICH, Switzerland.—In "Neutrale Stimmen" the leading neutral nations of the world are given an opportunity to express freely their views on the subject of the great conflict. The United States of America have two spokesmen, the German-American Prof. Paul Carus, and the English-American Professor Clapp. Professor Carus notes the overwhelming anti-German feeling in America. This is due, he holds, to the prevailing English education; the fact alone that the English language is spoken to a great extent governs American sentiment and makes people view things through English spectacles. The German-Americans, however, he asserts, side with Germany because they have preserved a wider outlook and are able to view the world conditions more objectively. Professor Clapp, on the other hand, maintains that it was the violation of Belgian neutrality as well as the attacks on the English coast and the Zeppelin raids on London and Paris which primarily set American public opinion against the Central Powers. As regards the future, Professor Clapp believes that the best safeguards against a recurrence of such a calamity would be the freedom of the seas, and the doing away with the policy of secret treaties and secret diplomacy.

The spokesman for Holland is Professor van der Wyck, and that of Norway Karl Aas, while Sweden speaks through her eminent historian Harold Hjärne.

Switzerland is represented by the Bernese theologian Prof. F. Marti. D. D. The violation of Belgian neutrality, he writes, caused great consternation among the Swiss people, all the more so as nobody had expected such a step on the part of Germany. He considers narrow nationalism, and therefore all amalgamation of natural science (which in its very nature is international or rather supranational) with politics (which naturally must pursue national aims), as distinctly un-Swiss. Switzerland has greatly benefited by outside influences from all directions. She has, however, not merely assimilated these influences, but has transformed them. The result that something bearing a decided Swiss stamp has developed. Thus the Swiss are not only the receiving, but also the giving. The most important mission of the little republic to the world in general and the warring nations in particular is to show that difference of race does not exclude unity and strength, that spiritual union is a stronger bond than blood-relationship.

Books by contemporary writers at reasonable prices have always been a great need in Switzerland. Messrs. Huber & Co., of Frauenfeld, therefore, merit special commendation for putting on the market a special, low-priced edition of a series of works by present-day Swiss authors. The first five volumes of the series are: "Marie Thurnheer" by Paul Ilg, "Drei altmodische Liebesgeschichten" by Meinrad Lienert, "Daniel Pfund" by Alfred Huggenberger, "Bauz" by Albert Steffen, "In der Glücksschaukel" by Olga Amberger, and "Schalkhafte Geschichten" by Felix Moeschlin.

Two further new publications by Messrs. Huber & Co. are "Aus meinen Sommertagen," by Alfred Huggenberger, and "Der starke Mann," by Paul Ilg, both of which enjoy a great demand.

The latest works in Swiss dialect published by Messrs. Francke of Berne are Paul Haller's now famous drama, "Marie und Robert," and Josef Reinhardt's "Waldvogelzyte," and most important of all, "Die heilige Flamme," by Rudolf von Tavel, the most popular of Swiss dialect writers.

"L'homme dans le rang," by Robert de Traz, has now been translated into German, under the title, "Im Dienst der Waffen." The translator is Max Fehr.

SEEING THE SISKIYOU

"A Day in the Siskiyou." By J. Frank Hanly, Indianapolis, the Art Press. \$3.50.

This is a profusely and attractively illustrated (in color mainly) book dealing with the scenery in and about Ashland, Ore., which includes a sketch of the Siskiyou Peaks and Mt. Shasta in California. Quotations from prose and verse writers, dealing with mountains and especially those of the Pacific slope, are copiously scattered throughout the book. The text is described by the author as an "Oregon extravaganza." To be more accurate it is a rhapsody on the natural beauties seen, and a record of the reactions of nature in some of her finest aspects upon a layman unusually susceptible to the majestic and the charming. John Muir is often quoted by the author; and he would have been glad to see such a book dealing so sympathetically with the splendors of a region akin to the one farther south which he has forever associated with his name and his fame as an explorer and naturalist.

BRITAIN'S PROBLEMS OF COMMONWEALTH

"The Empire and the Future." Macmillan & Co. London. 2s. net.

This series of six studies upon imperial subjects, originally delivered as lectures in the University of London, is well worthy of publication in book form. Each of the six studies is a valuable contribution to a consideration of the vital and complex problems which confront the formation of a British commonwealth. They gain additional interest when read in conjunction with "The Problem of the Commonwealth" and "The Commonwealth of Nations," in which the results of the researches of the members of "The Round Table" are so ably set forth.

The complexity of the problem which faces Great Britain is scarcely yet recognized by the public, but it is only necessary to recall the extent and widespread nature of the territory involved, the diverse races with their varying phases of development, to begin to realize the magnitude and intricacy of the problem. Decisions of a momentous nature face the people. The question is one which admits of no "wait and see" drifting policy; it requires a master conception and a master hand to frame the conception in a concrete form.

Those who look for guidance as to the form which a closer union between Great Britain and her colonies and dependencies should take will do well to consult the pages of "The Problem of the Commonwealth." The value of the present studies lies in the fact that they enable the reader to gauge the practical difficulties which face the commonwealth builder, whose success will depend upon the measure of his imagination, sympathy and judgment. The sharing of responsibilities in due proportion will in itself present a task of no easy settlement.

Dr. Michael Sadler sets forth the importance of the work to be done by the universities. The old Oxford and the old Cambridge are passing away. "A new world center of study and training," and as exponents of a new ideal their future will in some respects be more akin to their more remote past. On industrial questions the modern temper of thought has a quasi-medieval tendency, a tendency to restore in a modified form the Gothic guild, a tendency toward the growth of an ever-widening intellectual alliance between nations. A renaissance, not so much of learning as of humanity, seems to be appearing on the horizon, and "the nations" of a medieval university may have their analogue in the modern.

The keynote to Sir Charles Lucas' study upon "Empire and Democracy" lies in the words: "The British Empire means an independent Great Britain, the loss of the empire means a dependent Great Britain, a British democracy existing on sufferance, if it continues to exist at all." The saying of Thucydides, "I have remarked again and again that a democracy cannot rule others," has often been quoted as proving that democracy will not be able to manage an empire. A good deal of confusion seems to have arisen over the terms "management" and "rule." Great Britain neither attempts nor wishes to rule her dominions, nor can there arise a question of management in the wide sense of domination. Whatever may be the basis of the desired Commonwealth, Great Britain can only be prime mover or chief among equals. In Sir Charles Lucas' words, the answer to the question can a democracy manage an empire "depends upon the kind of empire and upon the kind of democracy." The predominating feature of the British Empire is diversity, and it is in the reconciling of the components making up this diversity that some people see difficulties ahead; but may it not be that the separate development of each of the component parts upon its own lines will be a source of vigor and mutual enrichment?

Modern democracy, as the master of Balliol points out, has a religious origin. "Its advent was in that extraordinary army which gathered round Oliver Cromwell." The "agreement of the people," drawn up in October, 1647, claimed that "men were born free, because each is the image of God. . . . The democratic idea was thus in essence a means to secure spiritual freedom." If the coming democracy is upheld by a spiritual conception, its power to weld and preserve a commonwealth is assured.

The contribution of Dr. H. A. L. Fisher, vice-chancellor of the University of Sheffield, upon "Imperial Administration," which deals chiefly with the machinery of government in connection with India, shows incidentally how important are the "problems of administrative mechanisms" which will call for solution. The magnitude of the empire itself is apt to arrest unduly the imagination of some people; the important factor is not the extent of the empire, it is the underlying ideal. For that reason Mr. Philip Kerr, the editor of The Round Table, who realizes that the essence of any lasting or even serviceable union must be unity in diversity so that the "freedom of a part" may find "its highest development as a member of the whole," prefers to deal with the subject as one of "commonwealth" rather than of "empire."

In his study on "Commonwealth and Empire," he clears the air by emphasizing the misleading nature of labels. Few words have been more misused or misunderstood than "empire" and "imperialism," and he has done serviceable work in attempting to attach more precise meanings "to words which are bound to be greatly used in political discussions in the next few years." Fortunately, to the English-speaking people as a whole the

empty glamour of empire does not appeal, but the ideal of commonwealth is deep rooted in their midst. The Imperialist as well as the anti-Imperialist literature of a few years ago does not reflect the views of the democracy of today; it reflects more truly a narrow and insular self-sufficiency born and nurtured in an atmosphere of political trifles which great and stirring movements have swept away. To quote Mr. Kerr: "It is easier, indeed, to define the spirit than the nature of a commonwealth, and its spirit can be defined in no better way than to say that it is the spirit of the second great Christian commandment, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.' This spirit . . . avoids the perils of national ambition as surely as it does the allurements of a selfish disregard of the needs of others. . . . It is, too, the very negation of that racial exclusiveness and pride, which is the root of false imperialism."

The surest foundation which a commonwealth can have is an enduring sense of national duty to the world at large, as Dr. Parkin endeavors to show in "The Duty of the Empire to the World."

BRANDER MATTHEWS ON THE THEATER

"A Book About the Theater." By Brander Matthews. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. \$2.50 net.

One who went to Prof. Brander Matthews' most recent discussions of the theater hoping to find recorded there his judgments on popular actors and the latest plays and the art of the motion-picture show, would be greatly disappointed. The book gives no publicity to contemporary plays or people, and the cinematograph exhibition is mentioned but once, in the most casual fashion. This does not mean, however, that the subjects he deals with in "A Book About the Theater" are not modern. They are, even, in some cases, prophetic.

As for motion pictures, he writes all around the theme, though he does not touch it. He even hints at a historical fore-runner of the name, in the days of Shakespeare and Ben Jonson, giving instances from their plays of the name "motion" being applied to marionette plays. Some of the chapters, notably those on puppet-shows and shadow-pictures or silhouettes, open the way for a thorough consideration of the whole question of the motion-picture show. Readers will be likely to venture the guess, and the hope, that Professor Matthews will make that the subject of a later "book about the theater."

In the introductory epistle, inscribed to Augustus Thomas, Professor Matthews confesses that he has spent many profitable hours "in the by-paths of stage history, and in the pleasant peruses of the theater." He has in this volume confined his subjects to minor manifestations of the dramatic art, and to secondary questions of dramatic theory. The chapter titles indicate the wide range of his experience and enthusiasm: he writes of circuses, magicians and pantomimes, of minstrels and Punch-and-Judy shows, with no less zest than of the poetry of the dance and the book of the opera. On the side of theory, he moves easily from questions of scene-painting, the historic division of the drama into five acts, and collaboration in play-writing, to that of the show business and the toy theater, the "tuppenny colored" of Stevenson's boyish delight.

Professor Matthews' learning gleams pleasantly throughout the book, serving him, here at least, to throw color and romance about dusty and commonplace subjects. His manner, however, is at times diffuse almost to the point of making his thought appear vague. If the sincerity of his interest and the soundness of his information were matched with the charm of the style that he knows well how to use on occasion, the book would rank among the best as it is among the most important of his works.

The treatment of the themes which he has chosen for discussion, is frankly academic. It shows the college teacher of the modern type, alert with a twofold enthusiasm, as keen for the life of his own time as for the patient researches of the scholar. He loves shows; but when he goes to them he does not leave his academic mind at home. On the contrary it is partly in his academic capacity that he goes. Shows of all kinds make a point of departure for his scholarship; for painstaking studies in dramatic history; for establishing the connections between forms that have diverged very widely, in the course of a few centuries; and for indicating the possibilities in the use and development of neglected and unappreciated kinds of shows. The classroom manner appears now and then, as in his advice to young playwrights, and in his discussion of the problems of dramatic criticism. It is not obtrusive, however; it will even add to the pleasure of some to feel themselves under instruction and advice about things theatrical.

It is a genial, humanizing influence that Professor Matthews exerts; a conservative influence, moreover, for he is urgent against startling innovations of incident or structure. He has also his prejudices, with which we may or may not agree. Naturally he holds a brief for the theater; for the time at least placing fiction below the drama as an art form. Not quite so naturally, he seems to have a prejudice against women as dramatists, taking a view that seems for so wise a man rather antiquated. But prejudices, when expressed gently and modestly, make friends rather than enemies. It is the crowning human touch to his book, that he is not ashamed to retain a few prejudices along with his learning, his observation, and his esthetic discrimination.

A LITERARY CAUSERIE

The respective merits of the net and discount systems of book-selling still have their untiring champions, whose battle rages with varying fervor. Meanwhile the representatives of an ancient calling are finding it increasingly difficult to carry on business without summoning to their aid adventitious wares in order to enable them to eke out a precarious existence. Few bookshops, however intelligently organized and administered, are able under modern conditions to subsist upon the sale of books alone, and a man who endeavored to set up business without combining with his book trade the sale of stationery, and all the modern et ceteras included in the term, and of the many trifles dear to the feminine and sometimes to the male heart would have little chance of success.

Some thirty years ago conditions were different from those which obtain in the book world today. Of the many changes which have taken place in the course of the evolution of the trade few can have given a greater stimulus, for a time at least, to the sale of books than the introduction of the discount system. The pioneer, or chief pioneer of this revolution, Thomas Bosworth, who, like the great Eighteenth Century printers, combined publishing and book-selling, created by his action a great fluttering in the dovecotes of Paternoster Row. His position was not altogether a happy one; not only was Paternoster Row arrayed in the fullness of its might against him, but even the book-buying world began to think they must have been contributing an undue quota to the pockets of the booksellers and the publishers. So far as booksellers were concerned any suspicion on this score was without foundation.

Neither tradition nor history tells us what profits the poets and orators of antiquity made when they were so fortunate as to induce their hearers to buy copies of their works, but we can imagine they were not less than those of many a modern bookseller. Nor are we told of the profits of the Roman booksellers, the great Sostis of the Augustan age, whose shops were rendezvous of literary men just as were the houses of the great printer-publishers of the Eighteenth Century in London. That at one time a considerable profit accrued from the mere sale of books is certain, or such a number of unlicensed booksellers would not have set up in Oxford, where they evidently made an excellent living in competition with the "sworn stationers," who practically held a monopoly in the sale of books to the undergraduates. Not that the sale of books to undergraduates is necessarily a paying concern, but unless the "sworn stationers" had made a success of their trade it is reasonable to suppose that the pirate booksellers would not have invaded their sacred precincts.

Different periods in the history of the book trade have presented their particular trouble. One of the difficulties with which the modern bookseller has to contend is the ever-growing number of books produced. In addition to the steady increase in the output of new books he is face to face with innumerable reprints; he cannot possibly stock his shelves with even half the new books which appear, and he knows that any attempt to cope with the mass of reprints is hopeless. He cannot pile up his shop with books as a well-known second-hand bookseller in Oxford Street was wont to do, on whose doorstep Mr. Gladstone was often to be seen. Although, it is said, the great Minister was never able to name a book which this bookseller had not got on his premises, it was impossible sometimes to get at the book for some days, so many volumes had first to be removed. In these hurried days people are too impatient to wait even for a few hours, much less for a few days. It is true that the modern bookseller is helped over this predicament by the existence of the wholesale bookseller, but the man who finds that he has to turn away many customers because he does not happen to have the particular book they ask for will find himself without a business.

Although the universities may be said to have called book-selling into being in the Middle Ages, and the Reformation led to a largely increased demand for books and pamphlets, the modern system of book-selling arose out of the establishment of the printing press, and the golden age of the book-selling business in England was the Eighteenth Century, when book-selling and publishing were combined. During the early years of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth centuries authors and booksellers had a peculiarly bad time, first under the censorship of the Star Chamber, which was relaxed under Queen Elizabeth, not from any superior openness of mind but simply because she did not care a farthing rush what the nature of a book was, provided it did not uphold the views of her religious opponents, and again under the champion among censors, Archbishop Laud.

Of the many eminent booksellers of the Eighteenth Century Andrew Millar was the most remarkable. A Scot who possessed more knowledge of mankind than pretensions to learning, he was for some years associated with another Scot, William Strahan, and in conjunction they produced Johnson's Dictionary. Boswell's estimate of him as possessing "good sense enough to have given his friends very able men to give him their opinion and advice in the purchase of copyright" was shrewd and accurate. In consequence of this good sense Millar gathered together a business and connection which enabled him to amass a large fortune. It was to his liberality to the authors whose works he published that John-

son referred when he said of him that he had "raised the price of literature." A thousand pounds, which was the sum he gave for "Amelia," was a princely price even in those days. The coach of Strahan, which Johnson describes as "a credit to literature," was the product of successful literary ventures such as Gibbon's "Decline and Fall," which had been refused in many quarters, Robertson's and Hume's "Histories" and Cook's "Voyages." Not many years ago the controversy which arose out of his action as literary executor of Hume was recalled by Lord Rosebery's purchase of the letters which passed between him and Hume.

These traders of the Eighteenth Century were something more than publisher-booksellers; as bankers and confidential agents they were brought into intimate relationship with many well known figures of the day. Among the habitués of Strahan's house were Thomas Somerville, Benjamin Franklin, Hume and Mrs. Thrale and the leading literary men of the time congregated in the houses of these great booksellers as did those of the earlier years of the Nineteenth Century in Albemarle Street when book-selling and publishing had become divorced. With this great band of booksellers the Strand is intimately associated. There, within a stone's throw of St. Clement Danes and of a well known modern firm of booksellers, stood Andrew Millar's house of business, while hard by in Wych Street, Strand, was the Shakespeare Tavern where the intermediaries between the book lover and the shelves he wished to fill gathered at frequent intervals. These gatherings at their social club in the Shakespeare Tavern formed a much closer bond of intercourse than the modern annual trade dinner which has supplanted them.

ENGLISH NOTES

LONDON, England.—K. G. Ossian-nilsson, one of the younger generation of Sweden's poets, has published in Stockholm a prose work, "Vem Har Rätt I Världskriget," in which he champions the cause of the Allies. There is no lukewarmness in his defense of the Allies as opposed to the Central Powers, and he maintains that the official and correct neutrality of Sweden would have assumed a different color could Ibsen and Björnson have expressed their opinion, but this of course is a pious individual opinion. He is on safer ground when dealing with ascertained facts, such as the misrepresentation of which England has been the victim in Scandinavian countries; and his stated convictions appear to have attracted widespread notice in Sweden.

Mr. Ernest Weekley in "Surnames," published by John Murray, has gone still further afield than he did two years ago in the "Romance of Names." Archbishop Trench many years ago revealed to the world the romance to be found in words, and this revelation may have stirred Mr. Weekley to give his readers more abundant and fantastic information on the subject. His last work, as he tells his readers, bears the relation to his earlier one of a treatise to a primer, and, as he truly points out, the study of the origin of surnames can throw valuable light upon the time when they first appeared. The study is more than a mere pastime, it can prove a valuable mine of philological knowledge.

"The Industrial Outlook," edited by H. Sanderson Furniss, principal of Ruskin College, announced by Chatto & Windus as forthcoming in December is a collection of essays, among which are "Employers and Property," by C. W. Daniels, lecturer on economics at the University of Manchester; "The Control of Industry by Producers and Consumers," by William Piercy, lecturer at the London School of Economics, "The Wage and the Status of the Wage-Earner," by Henry Clay, "Labor Organization," by J. H. Taylor, lecturer at the University of Leeds, and "The State and the Control of Industry," by W. H. Pringle.

One of the latest additions to the "Cambridge Manuals of Science and Literature," published by the Cambridge University Press, is H. G. Aldis' "The Printed Book," which traces the story of the printed book from its introduction in the western world to the present day.

In "The Middle Years" Mrs. Katharine Tynan Hinkson continues the record of her literary and social life from 1891, where her previous record of "Twenty-five Years" left off, down to 1911. The book is published by Constables.

"Beautiful Buildings in France and Belgium" is the title of a collection of reproductions in color and monochrome on a small scale from rare prints and drawings, with descriptive notes by C. Harrison Townsend, which has just been published by Fisher Unwin. These reproductions have a double interest, historical and artistic; they recall works of art which have been destroyed, and the masters who are represented are for the most part English, as W. Callow, Nash, David Roberts and Stanfield, or who worked in England, as Boys, Prout, C. Simonon and Wild.

In any question as to the comparative merits of individual and state ownership George Redford decides unreservedly for state ownership. In "State Services," published by Smith, Elder, he advocates the management of the farming in each district by the county council. One wonders whether he has come in contact with supporters of his views who have in certain districts in England become tenants of the county council, and have learned to wish that—they hadn't. Unfortu-

nately neither are the county councils nor the state yet the embodiment of all wisdom; when they are, it will be difficult to imagine anyone disagreeing with the views which Mr. Redford puts forward so earnestly. People in England are already so accustomed to state guidance and control, that they are more ready than they would have been four or five years ago to listen respectfully to his views and to agree with him that "state guidance and help are involved in the complete conversion of the powers of the soil into the products which sustain men."

AMERICAN NOTES

Within a limited but important field of investigation, Clarence Walworth Alvord has carried out an important task in his two-volume history of "The Mississippi Valley in British Politics." It is a study of the pre-Revolution period in the region west of the Atlantic Coast colonies of Great Britain.

Harvard, in Longfellow, Lowell and Norton, a generation ago had able students of Dante on her teaching staff. A present member of the faculty, Prof. C. H. Grandgent, has just written a biography of the major poet.

Josephine Preston Peabody dedicates her latest collection of poetry, "Harvest Moon," to the women of Europe.

The American authors' fund for the relief of the soldiers of the Allied nations amounts to nearly \$5000.

The Dial of Chicago announces for the coming year a new department, "Notes for Bibliophiles," and lists among its new contributors, H. J. Laski and Randolph Bourne, who have won their spurs on the New Republic.

Detroit, Mich., has a new periodical—the Theatre Arts Magazine—edited by Sheldon Cheney, to which the leaders in the "new theater movement" are to contribute.

President Goodnow of Johns Hopkins University has printed, under the auspices of Brown University, his recent exposition of "The American Conception of Liberty and the American Conception of Government."

Fritz Endell has made an excursion into hospitality and written on "Old Tavern Signs," a book in which much lore never previously massed makes the old time tavern seem like very real institutions with personalities back of them often.

Interest in Stonewall Jackson as man and as a strategist is by no means confined to the United States; and the constituency eager to read the latest collection of his letters—those written between the war with Mexico and the war between the States—will be wide.

Sergi Stepiak's latest drama, revolutionary in theme, has been put into English and has found a Boston publisher.

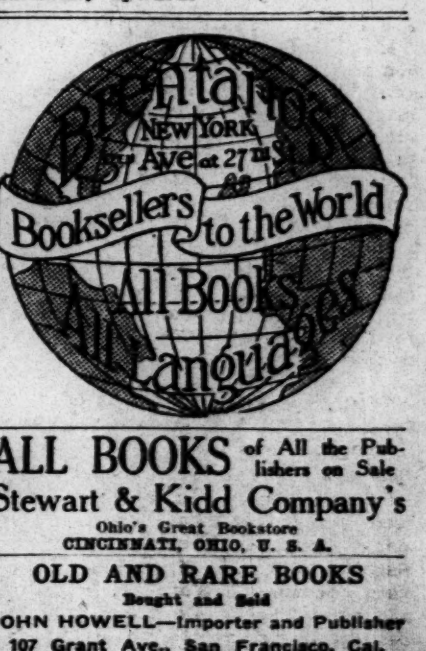
A third edition of Webster's Collegiate Dictionary has been issued by the G. & C. Merriam Company, Springfield, Mass., in thin paper, making a compact and easily handled volume. There are three styles of binding. Many features to aid the literary worker as well as helps to the ordinary reader are included.

A volume entitled "The Treatment of Armenians in the Ottoman Empire 1915-16," prepared under the supervision of Viscount Bryce by Mr. A. T. Toynbee as editor, and published officially by the British Government, has been received in the United States. The documents included in the book have bearing on the recent massacres of the Armenians by the Turks.

The Hartford Times, Connecticut's leading Democratic daily, has just entered upon its second century. For more than two generations it has been in the control of one family. Of its former editors, Gideon Welles, Lincoln's Secretary of the Navy, was the most renowned.

G. Bernard Shaw, in a letter to the New York chapter of the American Drama League, has declined an invitation to visit the United States this coming spring; and has done it in terms characteristically paradoxical and whimsical.

The Publishers Weekly has given up temporarily its custom of listing changes in the prices of books. They are so many now that it cannot give the space. The changes are almost uniformly upward.



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CONSCRIPTION FOR ALL URGED FOR CANADA

Former Professor of University of British Columbia Would Have Measure Applied Without Favor to All Classes

Special to The Christian Science Monitor
VANCOUVER, B. C.—Dr. Mack Eastman, author and lecturer, who has been, prior to enlistment, recently acting professor of history in the University of British Columbia, speaking before the People's Forum, advocated conscription—a conscription of the right kind, thorough-going, democratic, without loopholes, applied without favor to priest and layman, mechanic and professor, scavenger and bank clerk. "This," said the lecturer, "is the minute unique for Canadian democracy. The workers of the Dominion have it in their hands to prolong or shorten the war. If they choose themselves now and demand conscription of the right kind, they can get it. If they hold back and the war drags on, conscription will come anyway and will likely be carried through by men who have little sympathy with democracy."

"Two and a half years ago Canada formally entered the war. Her people almost unanimously approved. Organized labor approved either actively or passively. I know that some people are now whispering that the war is none of Canada's business. They should have found that out three or four years ago. Then the question might have been open to discussion. Now it is closed. To use it now as an excuse for national slacking is illogical, selfish, disloyal. Canada, with Britain, has made war on Germany. A victorious Germany would have the military right to annex us or to crush us with indemnities."

"Germany is not going to win—because France and England have done what Canada has not done. France has nearly one sixth of her population in uniform; Britain nearly one tenth; Canada about one eighteenth. And yet of the three countries Canada alone has a surplus of men over women. Recruiting is slow and grotesquely expensive. It played out nine months ago. There is no remedy but conscription. Some men fear if we once accept military conscription it will fasten its fangs forever upon us. That is what will happen if we do not win. If Germany wins, a wave of imitative militarism will sweep around the world. Likewise, if the war ends in a draw, we shall all be militarized for the next struggle. If we win, we can take care of our own militarists. They are a small minority in France and the British Empire."

"Conscription of man-power has as its corollary the conscription of wealth. All large incomes should be affected by a heavily graduated income tax. If wealthy men of Canada want their wealth to be defended, they must pay the expense of the defense. Today the well-to-do in Canada are not required to contribute as much to save the Nation from destruction as the well-to-do in England were required to contribute after 1909 for the maintenance of the Government in time of peace."

"Finally, conscription will create powerful, central machinery which alone can grapple with the tremendous problem of readjustment after the war. Our extreme decentralization into provinces will make it harder to socialize our industrial life than if our Federal Government, like the centralized governments of Britain and France, had control of their natural resources. Nevertheless, if the popular demand be strong enough, some cooperative organization can be developed to unify Federal and provincial action in the economic sphere."

"If you rise to the emergency you will gather power to socialize and humanize and Christianize our economic life, and you will influence the terms of peace. We shall approach our ideal of a federation of liberal nations for world peace."

GOVERNMENT BY COMMISSION URGED FOR N. DAKOTA

Special to The Christian Science Monitor from its Western Bureau

BISMARCK, N. D.—A commission form of government, with nine commissioners representing as many districts and to devote full time to the State; four year terms for legislative commissioners; equal suffrage, limited suffrage, based on the Illinois plan; a constitutional convention; a reduction in size of both houses of the Legislature; increase in pay of legislators to \$10 a day; extension of assemblies from 60 to 90 days; the holding of assemblies quadrennially instead of biennially; a short ballot; a convention primary system providing for selection; and eliminating further party primaries if these delegates in convention agree upon a slate, are among progressive measures which already have been put before the Legislature. Regarding a constitutional convention, the non-partisan House favors immediate revision by the Legislature while the independent Senate holds for the usual procedure, requiring two to four years.

ORDER FOR DESTROYERS
Special to The Christian Science Monitor
TOKIO, Japan—An order has been placed with Japan for the construction of 12 destroyers. Instructions have been issued, it is said, to the three navy yards at Yokosuka, Kure and Sasebo, and to the Mitsui Bishi Dockyard and Engine Works at Nagasaki, and the Kawasaki Dockyard at Kobe, for the building of two destroyers each by July, 1917.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Theodore Elijah Burton, former United States Senator from Ohio, is the latest capture of New York's financial institutions among Washington's public men. He is to be president of the Merchant's National Bank, the third oldest bank of the city, which was founded in 1803, with articles of association drawn up by Alexander Hamilton, the great financier of the formative period of the Nation's life. President Burton, since his retirement from the Senate, has been giving himself to careful study of some of the larger commercial and financial problems of the Nation; and he recently visited South and Central America. Thus he has added to his long study of fiscal questions while a national legislator, first in the House and later in the Senate, much contemporary knowledge of international affairs that will be a valuable asset for himself and for the bank as he enters this new field of action. Mr. Burton is the son of a clergyman. He was educated at Oberlin College, in Ohio, an institution now as then a center of ethical as well as of intellectual activities and ambitions. He studied law, practiced his profession, was sent to Congress in 1889, and, most of the time from that date until he entered the Senate in 1909, he was a major figure in the House of Representatives whenever it came to debate of revenue production, banking, and appropriations. He closed his public career as a statesman with a great fight against fraudulent and venal appropriation bills.

Plimmon Henry Dudley, rail expert of the New York Central Railroad, who has announced to the American Railway Engineering Association the technical terms by which manufacturers and users of rails can get along without cost information that will enable them to produce and buy flawless rails, is a native of Ohio and was trained as a civil and metallurgical engineer. Early in his career he became interested in the problems of railroading, and in detecting and measuring defects in rolling stock and roadbed. Having the requisite mechanical skill to invent as well as to explore, he soon began turning out highly valuable instruments of precision to be used in connection with railways, and, in the course of time, won an international as well as national reputation for his research work and his serviceable ingenuity as an inventor. Years ago the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company added him to its staff of experts, and it naturally has had first use of his knowledge. Thus it has been the first to test, on a given stretch of track between Buffalo and Albany, the durability and perfection of the rails made and tried after rules laid down by Professor Dudley. But such technical knowledge as this inventor and engineer gets by his research work he reports to bodies with a widely diffused membership, and he sets up no monopolistic claim to his work, nor does his employing road.

Lord Inchcape, who recently declared himself against Government assistance in the matter of merchant shipping and in favor of private enterprise, is a commercial magnate whose services have often been utilized by the British Government in important matters. He is a partner and director of many companies whose interests are as much national as private, including the Suez Canal Company and Pacific & Oriental Steam Navigation Company. Lord Inchcape's experience includes terms of service on many commissions and committees. Some of these were concerned with the improvement of the consular service and with the commercial intelligence placed at the disposal of British traders. Others were concerned with finance and railways. He was also appointed His Majesty's special commissioner and plenipotentiary to China for the purpose of negotiating a new commercial treaty with that country, which was signed in 1902. In view of his past experience, Lord Inchcape's opinion on matters connected with merchant shipping likely to come up for settlement after the war will be valuable.

Charles Brown Sears, who has been selected by the Supreme Court for the Eighth Judicial District of New York State, is now president of the Buffalo Bar Association. He has been prominent in Republican politics in western New York for some years, and a member of the State committee. He sat in the last State Constitutional Convention and served on the judiciary committee. Civil service reform and the merit system have long had in him a stout champion. His interest in art is keen, and he has had much to do as president of the board of directors of the local Fine Arts Academy, with making the Albright Art Gallery admirable in its equipment and collections. Judge Sears is a native of Brooklyn, and was educated at Adelphi Academy, Yale University, the University of Berlin, and the Harvard Law School.

CAMBRIDGE PAGEANT PLANS
At a meeting of about 100 men and women in Cambridge last night steps were taken for a big pageant to stimulate the community sentiment and bring out the history of the city. Elmer H. Bright presided and announced that \$3000 had been pledged toward the success of the movement. Prof. George P. Baker of Harvard, who will conduct the pageant in the Harvard Stadium in June or July, said about \$15,000 would be needed and 3000 persons.

EMPLOYER SEEKS INJUNCTION
In the Supreme Court yesterday an injunction was asked by Barron Anderson, a clothing manufacturer at 1000 Washington Street, to restrain the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' officers and members from interfering in any way with persons entering or desiring to enter his employ. The case will come up Jan. 15.

TEXT OF RUSSIAN STATEMENT AS TO PEACE PROPOSALS

Special to The Christian Science Monitor
PETROGRAD, Russia—The Russian semi-official statement regarding the German peace proposal, a summary of which we cabled to The Christian Science Monitor, is as follows:

The new appeal of our enemies is not their first attempt to throw the responsibilities of the war, which they have let loose, upon the Entente Powers. In order to obtain the support of the German people, who are tired of the war, the Berlin Government has many times had recourse to fallacious words of peace, and has frequently, in order to animate its troops, offered prospects of early peace. It had already promised peace when Warsaw was taken and Serbia was conquered, forgetting that such promises, if unfulfilled, would create profound distrust.

In its further efforts, which were similar and due to the same interested considerations, the German Government was obliged to carry this question outside Germany, and all the world recalls these attempts, notably in neutral countries, particularly the United States. Seeing the futility of such methods, which deceived no one, Germany attempted to create a peace atmosphere which would allow her to consolidate her aggressive and imperialist tendencies, while sowing discord between the Allies, by seeking to make public opinion believe that separate parleys were in progress between her and the Entente Powers.

That was the period of the persistent reports of a separate peace. Seeing, however, that the Allies rejected with strong unanimity all these attempts, our enemies had to think of a more serious plan. They are today making, in spite of their confidence in their military and economic power, an appeal to the United States, Spain and Switzerland, announcing their anxiety to enter into negotiations for peace. The lack of sincerity and the object of the German proposal are evident. The enemy Governments have need of heroic measures to complete the gaps in their armies. The German Government, in order to lift up the hearts of the people, is striving to create a favorable atmosphere with the following thesis: "We are struggling for our existence. We are proposing peace. It is refused us. Therefore our responsibility for the continuation of the war falls upon our enemies."

The object pursued by Germany is, however, clear. She speaks of respect for the rights of other nations, but at the same time she has already introduced in Belgium, Serbia, Montenegro and Poland a régime of terror and violence. As for the future, Germany has proclaimed the illusory independence of Poland, she proposes to divide Serbia between Bulgaria and Austria, economically to subjugate Belgium and to cede to Bulgaria part of the Rumanian territory. Everywhere the idea of the hegemony of Germany predominates, and the latest speeches of Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg show up the true aspirations of the German Government.

But today, when the Entente Powers have proclaimed their unshakable determination to continue the war to a successful end and to prevent Germany from establishing her hegemony, no favorable ground exists for peace negotiations. Our enemies knew of the speeches of Mr. Lloyd George, M. Briand, Signor Boselli, and the statement of M. Trepoff. They were, therefore, sure that their proposal was unacceptable. It is so, not because the Entente Powers, the friends of peace, are not inclined that way, but because the peace offered by Germany is a snare for public opinion. That is why the enemy governments carefully avoid mentioning the conditions of peace.

We are sure that this new enterprise of the disturbers of the peace will lead no one astray, and that it is condemned to failure like the previous efforts. The Entente Powers would assume a terrible responsibility before their peoples, before all humanity, if they suspended the struggle against Germany's latest attempt to profit by the present situation to implant her hegemony in Europe. All the innumerable sacrifices of the Allies would be nullified by a premature peace with an enemy who is exhausted, but not yet brought down. The firm determination of the Entente Powers to continue the war to final triumph can be weakened by no illusory proposals of the enemy.

AUSTRALIA'S NEW MINISTRY UPHELD

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MELBOURNE, Australia—Obtaining the full support of the Liberal Party, Mr. W. M. Hughes and his new Ministry were upheld in the House of Representatives recently when a "want of confidence" motion was introduced by Mr. F. G. Tudor, leader of the Australia Labor Party. The actual state of the parties now is as follows: Ministerialists (Mr. Hughes' party) 13-14; Liberals (Mr. Cook) 34; Australian Labor Party (Mr. Tudor) 28; Independent (Mr. Wise) 1.

The reason given by Mr. Tudor for challenging the new Government was the alleged attempt by Mr. Hughes to affect the ballot on conscription through the issuing of certain regulations at the last moment. Mr. Hughes denied that these had been issued at all.

The fact that the Liberal Party supported Mr. Hughes in the recent "want of confidence" motion does not mean that they are prepared to give him unqualified support, as it is quite apparent that Mr. Hughes will have to change his taxation proposals to suit Liberal views and most probably only war legislation will be brought forward apart from the new taxation.

BY OTHER EDITORS

Law Itself Is Not All
ST. PAUL DISPATCH—The proposed Federal bill providing a national corrupt practices act is almost amazing in its sweep. In hedging about the moralities of the elections with high and broad barriers, it leaves nothing untouched. Any wager upon a result will tilt an election, while the limit and character of campaign contributions reduces to the minimum the influence of money in shaping results. It is necessary to surround our elections with these safeguards, and there is nothing to do but approve them. But the question is how far such laws are enforceable and what provisions are made for their enforcement. We have, for instance, fairly good laws in Minnesota. Our corrupt practices act is sound and reasonable. But does anyone imagine that its spirit and letter are obeyed? It really is nobody's business to enforce it. It is invoked only by some disappointed candidate, seldom if ever by the officers of the law. The proposed Federal law, to be effective, must make its enforcement somebody's particular business and not leave it to the pique or chagrin of a candidate whose only excuse for defeat is that the other fellow had more money or sharper methods.

Protectionist Democracy
TOLEDO BLADE—The tariff is to be revised upward—and by the Democrats! This is news long prophesied, but it is astonishing for all that. It is to be a protective tariff. A prominent member of the House Ways and Means Committee says so. But a wink goes with the statement. The revision will pose as a tariff for revenue only. An enormous deficit has to be made up. To run the Government with the revenue derived from imports under the Underwood act was hopeless from the start. That law was too near free trade to do it. Internal revenue will not serve. The prohibition wave is spreading and the tax collections from liquor are falling away. Economy will not do, for economy so far as Congress is concerned is an irrelevant dream. So the need of protection is met. Well, we don't see why Republicans should quarrel with Democrats for stealing Republican policies. The point is to get worthy policies enacted, whether they originate with one party or another. Yet Republicans are entitled to remark upon one thing which of recent years has flourished in the Democratic party—the same being hypocrisy.

National Playground in Ozarks
ARKANSAS GAZETTE—Congressman W. A. Oldfield, who has introduced a bill under which the Ozark Forest Reserve and other areas in North Arkansas would be converted into a national park, says that there would be a steady flow of visitors to such a park; that incidentally these visitors would see something of the states of Arkansas and Missouri; and that no part of the country surpasses the Ozarks for scenic beauty. It is of interest to know that Enos Mills, who has been active in the establishment of national parks, strongly approves Mr. Oldfield's measure.

Training for Army Service
DAILY OKLAHOMAN—All our army officers are agreed that the volunteer system is a failure, and we have heard from Mexico that our guardsmen never could have stood up under the service which Pershing's regulars performed. But according to Gen. Leonard Wood, "six months' intensive training, where the men's attention is devoted wholly to military work, is equivalent to from one and a half to two years' service in the United States Army under normal conditions." In other words, the Plattsburg camp is decidedly superior to the regular army in the business of converting a civilian into a soldier. And yet that is the regular army's sole business—to make soldiers of men. To accomplish that we maintain posts and barracks, officered by West Pointers. Of course, the army post has its diversions, but always it is a military school. And if a plan has been evolved which accomplishes more than post or barracks, and in one third or one fourth the time, isn't there need for investigation? Unwittingly or not, Gen. Leonard Wood has condemned the regular army service as a good deal of a failure.

PACKING FIRMS PAY FINES OF \$12,500 A PIECE

Special to The Christian Science Monitor from its Western Bureau
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—Final judgment in suits instituted in 1910 against the so-called Packers Trust was recorded here in December with the filing of a stipulation that laws be observed approved by the State Supreme Court. The representatives of five meat-packing concerns paid fines of \$12,500 each. The State agreed to vacate a judgment of ouster and remit one-half of the \$25,000 fine that had been entered against the companies.

The prosecution against the companies was started by Elliott W. Major, Attorney-General, who has since served a four-year term as Governor. The companies were: The Hammond Packing Company, the St. Louis Dressed Beef Company, Swift & Co., Armour & Co., and Morris & Co. It was charged that the prices of their products were regulated and controlled by the National Packing Company of Chicago, which was owned by the packing companies. This was declared to be an illegal combination in restraint of trade in violation of the Missouri antitrust law. The penalty was ouster from the State and heavy fines. The case was tried before a special master and by him decided against the packers. It went to the Supreme Court of the United States. As the time approached for the hearing here the packers brought about a compromise.

DR. MEHRING AND PREVENTIVE ARREST

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

BERLIN, Germany—The question of which Dr. Cohn had given notice in the Reichstag concerning the refusal of the Berlin military authorities to permit Dr. Franz Mehring, whom they hold under preventive arrest, to confer privately with the counsel engaged for his defense at his impending trial on another charge at Düsseldorf, was answered by Dr. Lewald on behalf of the Chancellor. Replying to Dr. Cohn's question as to whether the Chancellor was aware of the facts and would call upon the military authorities to conform to the law, Dr. Lewald replied that the ordinary provisions relating to people awaiting trial did not apply in the case of those under preventive arrest. Refusing to be content with this, however, Dr. Cohn rejoined: Then I will ask, is the Imperial Chancellor prepared to give Dr. Franz Mehring, the writer, the right to hold unrestricted communication with his counsel for the defense? Whereupon the Minister replied: I refrain from answering this question; a reply which produced a commotion among both Socialist groups, and drew from Herr Kunert the retort: We can well believe it—Cowardice. For this he was called to order by the president, a proceeding which created a fresh commotion, in the midst of which Herr Stadthagen was heard to exclaim, "That does not alter the fact," and was called to order in his turn.

This incident, coming as it did after the announcement that the use made of preventive arrest was to be modified, was followed in some instances by press comment which reflected the impression produced in the House, and subsequently a semi-official reply was issued to the effect that the indignation expressed was in no way justified. The view set forth by Dr. Lewald, it was stated, had been examined by the judicial authorities and was legally valid. Moreover, it was declared, Dr. Cohn had no reason to put his question at all, as he had been informed by Dr. Lewald several days beforehand in response to a Government proposal, the Berlin military authorities were ready, in view of his age and physical condition, to release Dr. Mehring provided he promised to refrain in future from conducting the agitation that had rendered his arrest necessary.

A note appended to this statement by the Vorwärts, however, stated that Dr. Cohn's conversation with Dr. Lewald did not take place until after he had given notice of his question, and that the outcome of it was not such as could induce him to withdraw it.

DOMINIONS' CALL FOR REPRESENTATION

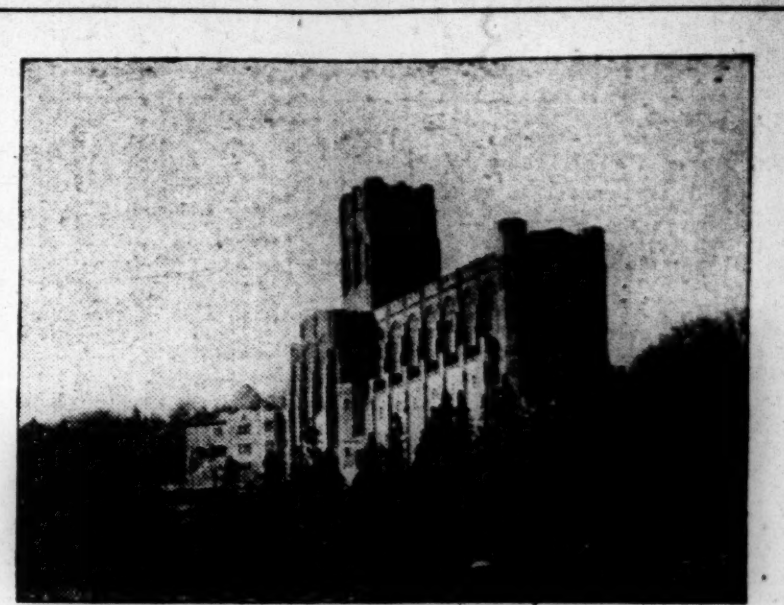
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LONDON, England—At a recent meeting held under the auspices of the Imperial Mission in the Queen's Hall, London, the Earl of Selborne spoke on the way to avoid war in the future. They had learned, he said, that public war could only be ended in the same way as private war was ended. Men only abandoned private war when there was a court of justice and a police that would enforce its decisions. Unless, in future, nations who put their signatures to treaties were prepared to see that the signatures of others were respected there was no use making treaties. Once the nations of the world united to enforce the obligations of any treaty to which they had put their signatures, then they would have made a great step towards the abolition of war.

Going on to the imperial problems of the future Lord Selborne said that he did not believe that the commonwealth of the Empire was incompatible with the commonwealth of nations. A united Europe would be the greatest guarantee of the peace of the world. Mr. Massey, Premier of New Zealand, who followed, said the Dominions, who had contributed 750,000 troops, had no connection with the control or management of the war. There were 15,000,000 people doing their duty as British citizens without proper representation, but it was unthinkable that the thing should be allowed to remain as it was. The Dominions had contributed their manhood, and if more were wanted in the shape of pounds, shillings, and pence it would be forthcoming.

I understand, added Mr. Massey, that a very important statement has been made in the German Reichstag. Probably they think this is the proper way to do it. An attempt is to be made to open peace negotiations right away. That may be the German point of view, but I do not think it is ours. We sit and discuss peace—I am speaking from an imperial point of view—when we think the proper time has come. I shall leave it at that. With regard to the proposal that the Dominions should be given a voice in the peace negotiations when the proper time arrives, I do not think I am giving away any Cabinet secret when I say that the Dominions have already been promised that they shall have a voice in the peace negotiations. I think I can promise further—that when those peace negotiations do come along, and when the representatives of the Dominions take their seats there, their presence will be a benefit not only to the Dominions, but to the Empire as a whole.

PAUL LEROY BEAULIEU
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PARIS, France—In Paul Leroy Beaulieu France has lost one of her great men whose reputation as a writer on political economy and finance is world wide. He had the capacity for investing every subject upon which he touched, even the driest of statistics, with an interest born of his own alert intelligence and keen curiosity for facts. His treatise on financial science is a model of its kind, and his "Theoretical and Practical Treatise on Political Economy," his



West Point Chapel

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"Essay on the Division of Wealth" and his work on "Collectivism," to mention but a very few of his writings, are invaluable contributions to the study of political economy. Not the least important part of his life's work is the encouragement which he gave both by means of the written and the spoken word to the development of French colonization. After 1870 he was among the few men who at that period recognized that in her colonial empire France would find her best means of recuperation. His books on Algeria, Tunis, the Sahara, the Sudan and the desert railways did much to awaken public opinion on the subject and led to that colonial expansion which is one of the marked features of modern French history. M. Leroy Beaulieu held the chair of political economy in the Collège de France, he was also a regular contributor to the Journal des Débats and the Revue des Deux Mondes. In 1873 he founded, for the discussion of financial, administrative and social matters, the Economiste Français to which he regularly contributed his weekly article. In 1878, when still quite a young man, he was elected to the Académie des Sciences Morales et Politiques.

COMBINATION OF CAPITAL AND LABOR

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LONDON, England—A combination between capital and labor for the purposes of meeting industrial problems of the future was decided upon at a recent meeting of leading representatives of employers and trade unions held at the Hotel Cecil under the chairmanship of the Right Hon. Frederick Huth Jackson. The meeting formally expressed its opinion that the cordial and whole-hearted cooperation of employers and employed will be the most important element in the success of any scheme for dealing with the reinstatement of the men of the forces and munition workers in civil employment, and the general redistribution of labor after the war, and for handling any subsequent problem of unemployment or labor dislocation.

They were also of opinion that no machinery now in existence could adequately deal with the reinstatement of civil employment of the present forces and that powers should be obtained from Parliament to set up without delay a Central Statutory Board to regulate and supervise (a) the reinstatement in civil employment of the present forces; (b) the settlement in normal employment of civilian workers now in Government or controlled establishments; (c) any general redistribution of labor arising out of the war.

The meeting urged that not less than two-thirds of the members of this Central Statutory Board should be representatives of employers and employed in equal numbers, such members being appointed by the Crown from associations of employers and from the trade unions of the United Kingdom respectively, the remaining members of the board to include representatives of Government departments.

Where a trade union, by arrangement with employers' associations, is capable of placing its members in employment, the meeting held it should be competent for the Central Board, if it deems it to be in the national interest, to delegate to the trade union in question the responsibility of dealing with the reinstatement of its own members. Further the meeting resolves that local boards should be established wherever necessary to assist the Central Board, such local boards to have the same proportionate

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representation as is provided for the Central Board and all expenses properly incurred by the central and local boards should be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament.

BOPP GUILTY OF VIOLATING NEUTRALITY LAW

German Consul-General and Four Associates Convicted in San Francisco—Appeals to Be Heard Promptly

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—Franz Bopp, German Consul-General here, and four of his attaches or employees, are found guilty by a jury in the United States District Court of having violated this country's neutrality.

"Guilty on all charges," announced the foreman. Bopp and von Schack were released on their own recognizance. Mrs. Cornell, Crowley and von Brincken, who were requested to give \$10,000 bonds at the time of their indictment, were given their liberty on those bonds. The court set tomorrow to hear motions and fix new bonds.

All five defendants were accused of having planned to blow up munition plants in America and Canada, steamships carrying supplies to the Entente Allies, railroad bridges and military trains.

Two actions were consolidated in the trial. The defendants were charged with a violation of the act of July 2, 1890, by conspiring to restrain interstate commerce by destroying factories, railroads and steamships.

The other action was for alleged conspiring to set on foot and to provide and prepare means for a military enterprise to be carried on from within the United States against the territory and dominion of the King of Great Britain and Ireland.

Besides Bopp, the defendants were E. M. von Schack, vice-consul; Wilhelm von Brincken, J. F. von Koolbergen, Margaret E. Cornell, Charles C. Crowley and Louis J. Smith. Van Koolbergen was out of the country and could not be brought here to stand trial, as his alleged offense was non-extraditable. Smith, technically a defendant, was given immunity for testifying for the Government.

RAIDER REPORTED SUNK BY CRUISER

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Reports that a German raider was met in the Atlantic and sunk by a British cruiser Tuesday afternoon are current. Details are lacking, both as to the identity of the vessels engaged and the location of the encounter.

Coupled with these reports was a statement today by the Lamport & Holt line, owners of the overdue steamship Voltaire, that rumors had come to them that their vessel was in one of the ports of Bermuda. Officials of the line said they had heard that the Voltaire, after capture by a German raider, had been recaptured and taken to Bermuda, but that their information was unofficial. The Voltaire was last reported to have left Liverpool on Nov. 28 for New York.

Several unconfirmed reports of a raider being sighted have reached shipping men here. One report put the unknown in the vicinity of the Azores, another several hundred miles off Halifax and a recent report brought here by a pilot was that the raider was less than 400 miles off Sandy Hook. The wireless warnings have been repeated daily since Dec. 9.

DECEMBER EXPORTS LARGEST ON RECORD

Edmund Billings, collector of the port of Boston, said today that exports at Boston for December, 1916, are valued at \$21,669,660 being the largest amount for any one month on record at the United States Custom House at Boston. Imports for the week ending Jan. 6, 1917 show an increase over those of the first week of 1916, the last year before the European war, although the duty collected during last week was less than for the corresponding period in 1914 as many articles are on the free list now that were not then, he says, pointing to the fact that there were \$120,064 collected last week and \$203,318 during the first week of 1914.

BUILDING NOTICES

Among the most important permits issued today and posted in the office of Commissioner O'Hearn were the following to construct, alter or repair buildings. The location, owner, architect and nature of the work are given in the order published:

Deering st., 51, 55, 59, ward 21; David Yarchin, Silverman Eng Co.; brick tenements.
Center st., 123, rear, ward 15; Edward L. Roach, Brooks, Skinner Co.; brick garage.
Saratoga st., 22, ward 20; Edward H. Boyle; frame dwelling.
Verdun st., 10, ward 20, and Newhall av., ward 20; A. H. Rice, F. H. Gowing; frame dwelling.
Verdun st., 31, ward 20; Mary J. Kelley, Dykeman & Murray; frame dwelling.
Annabos st., 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 15, 17, ward 20; W. H. Hardy; frame dwelling.
School st., 10, 14, ward 5; Tremont Trust; alter stores and shops.
Mass. av., 216-248, ward 7; Wm. K. Porter Est.; alter tenements.
Washington st., 123-129, ward 6; Robert Segal; alter store and dwelling.
Dudley st., 778, ward 11; H. P. Flood & Sons; alter office.
Moon st., 10, ward 8; Annie McCormick; alter tenements.

JOSEPH WALKER TO SPEAK

Joseph Walker, former Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, will speak to the members of the Wellesley Club at its monthly meeting in O'Connell's Hotel, Boston, next Monday evening. Mr. Walker has chosen for his subject "The Constitutional Convention."

REAL ESTATE

Sale is reported for Angus A. Martin, owner of five brick three-apartment dwellings situated at 53 to 59A Strathmore Road, Brighton District. The lots contain a total of 16,169 square feet. The buildings, being new, are not assessed, but the total valuation of the property is \$100,000. Guy D. Tobey takes the title. Final papers have been passed in the sale for Marion E. Pike of a vacant tract of land on Thorndike Street, near Commonwealth Avenue, Allston, comprising 46,000 square feet. Angus A. Martin is the purchaser, who will improve at once with the erection of 12 high-grade brick apartment houses to cost in the neighborhood of \$200,000. The land is valued at \$46,000. Henderson & Ross were the brokers in these transactions.

SALE OF LARGE NORFOLK ESTATE

Probably one of the largest and most interesting properties in Eastern Massachusetts from many points of view, has been sold by Joseph M. Kelley of Medway to Amory and Dudley R. Leland of Oyster Bay, Long Island. This large farm is situated in the western part of the town of Norfolk, on Green and Miller streets and comprises in all about 425 acres; over 100 acres being in one large, level field of rich bottom land, and the balance in large pastures and extensive woodlands. The estate has a frontage of over one half a mile on the Charles River and Populatic Lake. There is also a beautiful private pond on the estate of nearly 20 acres known as Kingsbury Pond, as well as three farm houses, several farm barns and other buildings. The purchasers contemplate improving the buildings, erecting a new house and other farm buildings, and occupying as an all-the-year round home. The sale was made by Walter Channing, Jr.

WEST END AND SOUTH END SALES

Jacob Spear has sold to Abraham Sisson, the four-story and basement brick house at 47 Wall Street near Causeway Street, West End. The property is taxed on \$7500, of which \$3500 applies to 1080 square feet of land.

An improved parcel of property has been sold by Sadie Biloski, to Lizzie Simon. It consists of a three-story and basement well front brick house, located at 683 Massachusetts Avenue near Harrison Avenue, South End. The property carries a total assessment of \$6800, with \$2600 of that amount on the 1497 square feet of land.

Joseph D. McLellan, who owns the brick building at 73 East Dedham Street, near Harrison Avenue, has sold the estate to Louis Frank. There is a land area of 5962 square feet extending in the rear which carries \$4500 of the assessment.

ROXBURY TRANSACTIONS

Papers have gone to record from Patrick F. Gallagher to Ellen T. Gavin who has bought the block of four-story brick dwellings situated at 7 to 19 Belle Avenue, corner Sewall Street, Roxbury. There is a land area of 9015 square feet taxed on \$4700, the entire assessment being \$37,200.

Another small transaction in Roxbury is the purchase by the Salvation Army of Massachusetts, Incorporated, from Michael Casey, owner, of a small parcel at 32 Haskins Street, between Vernon and Ruggles streets. This parcel is taxed on a valuation of \$800 including 1400 square feet of land.

SALE OF SOUTH END ESTATE

Grenville H. Norcross owner of a 3½-story brick house at 10 Oliver Place, South End, has sold the property to Michael Elbon and John George. The total assessed value is \$6500 of which \$4000 is on 991 square feet of land. It is understood the new owners bought for improvement. Sold through the office of James H. Brennan.

BOSTON REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE

A meeting of the members of the Boston Real Estate Exchange is to be held at 4 p. m. on Friday for the purpose of organizing a building managers association. As the committee appointed for the purpose has spent considerable time in the preparation of a set of by-laws, a large attendance is requested.

CAMBRIDGE LEASE

The Tech Block Inc., has leased the store at the corner of Massachusetts and Princeton Avenues, Cambridge, opposite the Institute of Technology, to the Harvard Cooperative Society to be occupied by it as a branch. The lease was negotiated through the office of George Adams Woods.

BRIGHTON PURCHASE

Wilber C. Spratt has purchased from Annie M. Strachan the single frame dwelling at 83 Royal Street near Coolidge Street, Brighton. The property is assessed on a valuation of \$5000 of which \$1000 applies on 4597 square feet of land.

MANY CATS EXHIBITED

Cats are the center of interest at the Poultry, Pet Stock and Cat Show at Mechanics Hall, Boston, today. About 250 were on show yesterday and today the exhibition by the Boston Cat Club comes to a close with nearly 300 entered. Large attendance is reported by exhibitors and the judges say that the poultry showings are of the best seen in Boston for many years.

DARTMOUTH ALUMNI DINNER

President Ernest M. Hopkins of Dartmouth College will be one of the speakers at the annual dinner of the Dartmouth Alumni Association, which will be held at the Copley-Plaza on Jan. 26. A full program of the meeting will be sent to the alumni at a later date.

CHORAL PROGRAM INTERPRETED BY MR. TOWNSEND

The Choral Music Society of Boston, Stephen Townsend, conductor—First concert, Jordan Hall, evening of Jan. 10, with assisting artists as follows: Samuel Endicott and J. Angus Winter, pianists; John P. Marshall and W. Lynnwood Farnham, organists; Alfred Holt, harpist; Julius Theodorowicz, and P. Flunara, violinists; H. Werner, viola player; Rudolf Nagle, violoncellist. The program: Osgood, "Christus, Trane Bellis"; "Our Father"; Rimski-Korsakoff, "Merry Yuletide" and Russian carol; Lang, "The Heavenly Noel"; Ladinault, six old Christmas carols; Trainers, "The Merry Wedding"; Stanford, three Cavalier songs; Lewis, "The Consolation of Music."

Choral music is being revived in a manner that should please those who think that art deserves to be called art only when it originates right, at home. And the revival is following the two lines of development that art invariably takes, namely, the intellectual and the popular. On the other hand, here is Mr. Townsend launching his choir, which comprises many studio-trained voices, out into the hearing of the concert public. On the other hand, soon appears Mr. Dunham presenting his group of performers, who are schooled mainly in the class method, for the approval of the public. The entrance of the two new organizations into the field will doubtless stir the old and established ones to greater efforts than they have been making in recent years, and so a neglected branch of community expression will come into its own again. Yet choral expression has not, yet bloomed out into full flower just because of the Townsend and Dunham enterprises. But it doubtless will do so at one unexpected moment, when a choral leader is found who can bring the skill of the intellectual side of the movement and the enthusiasm of the popular side into union. The really best thing a choral concert can do any way, is to call people out in a large way and freshen up their idealism for them. It only begins to fulfill its mission when it makes singers have a pleasant time together, or when at the most it gives their immediate friends a pleasant evening.

A work on the program that was worthy of all the expert knowledge of music the singers could bring to it was "The Consolation of Music," by Leo R. Lewis. The piece is composed on a plan of larger rhythm of soft and loud sound that only thoughtful interpretation can make effective. And it is composed on a free harmonic plan that can have its force only when the parts are accurately read. In these particulars the composition was well presented by the Choral Music Society. But in other points, which were after all not so difficult, such as rhythmic accent and melodic phrasing, the performance was a little heavy.

Grainger's "Merry Wedding" felt the lack of rhythm and phrasing even more than Professor Lewis's piece. And doubtless the Grainger work needs a greater contrast of tone between large and small chorus than the society could give it.

The two best interpretations, all things considered, which the singers gave, were of Osgood's "Christmas Bells" and of Ladinault's carol, "Adeste Fideles," with the melody sung by the contraltos.

ANTI-ALCOHOL PETITION

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PARIS, France.—The National League Against Alcoholism is petitioning Parliament to suppress the manufacture of alcohol for drinking purposes. It is hoped that the action of the league will result in overcoming the lethargy which has resulted in the total neglect, for a period of 18 months, of the Ribot Bill providing for the control of the consumption of alcohol. One paper points out that there are not even financial reasons to be adduced against the total suppression of the manufacture of alcohol, other than the quantity required for industrial purposes. Owing to the amount consumed in the country France is obliged to look to outside sources to enable the demand of the munition and pyrotechnic establishments to be met. This of course means that French gold is sent out of the country when, by much needed legislation, the waste both in gold and in human efficiency which "alcoholism" entails could be entirely averted. Up to now the only action of the Government has been to bring forward a bill for the prohibition of alcoholic beverages in factories run under State supervision.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

A free illustrated lecture on "The Recent Art Movement in the Theater" will be given at the Boston Public Library next Sunday at 3:30 p. m. by Frank C. Hersey. This lecture will take the place of one on "American Dramatists" previously announced.

CANADIAN CLUB OF BOSTON

Members of the Canadian Club of Boston hold their first assembly of the season in the Hotel Somerset tonight the proceeds to be devoted to the Canadian War Relief work. The entire membership of the Harvard Canadian Club and their friends are the guests of the evening.

AT THE THEATERS

Colonial—Miss Hajas in "Pom-Pom," 8:10.
Copley—"Man and Superman," 8:10.
Hollis—"Polyanna," 8:15.
Keiths—Vaudeville, 7:45.
Majestic—"You're in Love," 8:10.
Plymouth—Miss Grace George in Shaw's "Major Barbara," 8:10.
Shubert—"Passing Show," 8.
Tremont—"Miss Springtime," 8.
Wilbur—"The Unchastened Woman," 8:15.
Matinee—Daily at Keith's, 1:45; Wednesday and Saturday at Wilbur, Majestic, Hollis, Park Square, 2:15.
The Colonial, Tremont and Shubert, 2:30; Thursday and Saturday at the Plymouth, 2:10; Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at the Copley, 2:10; Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at the Shubert, 2.

SHIPPING NEWS

Filled with general cargo and carrying several saloon passengers the United Fruit Company's steamship San Jose, sailed today for Havana and Port Limon. The demand for space on steamers sailing for Cuba is unprecedented says the company, and the vessels leave here laden to their capacity. The principal shipments on the San Jose were 10,000 sacks of potatoes, cured fish, machinery, hay, shoes, lumber, fancy goods and paper.

Fresh groundfish arrivals at South Boston today were: Steamer Crest 50,300 pounds, schooners Frances S. Huey 106,000, Sadie M. Numan 7400, Waltham 9000, and Natalie Hammond arriving too late to sell at the early auction. Wholesale dealers' prices per hundredweight: Haddock \$5.50 to \$2.55, steak cod \$11 to \$14.75, market cod \$5.50 to \$8.25, pollock \$4.25 to \$5, hake \$12, small hake \$8, and cusk \$5.50.

Publication No. 157 of the United States Hydrographic Office is announced as ready for purchase by the Boston Hydrographic Office agency. This publication comprises directions for the navigation of the Suez Canal, the Gulf of Suez, and the central track for steam vessels through the Red Sea, Strait of Bab el Mandeb and Gulf of Aden. It also contains descriptions of the Gulf of Akaba, the African and Arabian shores of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, including Sokatra and adjacent islands, and the southeast coast of Arabia as far as Ras al Hadd.

New main and stay sails are to be bent on the three-masted schooner Roger Drury now in port here, and the vessel is expected to sail tomorrow for St. John N. B. The Drury was abandoned after grounding at Great Point, Nantucket, but was saved by fishermen. The boat was bound from New York to St. John with coal. The owner paid about \$2000 salvage claims to the fishermen, although they wanted more, according to Captain Sabeau of the Drury.

Seven thousand tons of rye, said to be enough to supply the city of Christiania with bread for a month, left Boston yesterday on the Norwegian steamer Hermion for Norway. The supply was purchased by the Norwegian Food Commission appointed to arrange for a food supply for the nation in time of emergency.

Gloucester arrivals today were: Schooner Corsair from Green Bay, N. P., with salt herring, and gill netters 150,000 pounds fresh fish, mostly pollock.

PORT OF BOSTON

Arrivals
Strs Boston (Br), Crosby, Yarmouth, N. S.; City of Gloucester, Linneken, Gloucester; Governor Dingley, Norton, Portland; H. F. Dimock, Crowell, New York.

Schrs Roger Drury, Sabeau, New York; Ervin J. Luce, Rockport, Mass.; Otis Miller (Br), Ogilvie, Eatonville. Tugs Conestoga, Olsen, Philadelphia, towing barges Merriam and Mahoney; Essex, Burns, Portland, towing barge Nay Aug; Neptune, Easter, Portland.

NEW YORK ARRIVALS

Today, strs Perfektion, Tampico, twg bge S T Co No 81; Aztec, Bordeaux; Cristobal, Colon; Momus, New Orleans; El Sud, Galveston; Ruby, Genoa; Navahoe, Genoa; Storford, Barry; Queen Eugenie, Marseilles; Dalmata, Fayal; Antico Accamo, Genoa; Gargoyle, Alexandria; Allston, Marseilles; Lamo, London; City of Manchester, Calcutta and Colombo via Philadelphia; Carlsolm, Gothenburg; Davanger, Rotterdam.

MAYOR DEFENDS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Curley, who is in Philadelphia today, sent to Boston last night a reply to the report made by the National Board of Fire Underwriters criticising the high pressure water service being installed in Boston and the Boston Fire Department as well.

Mayor Curley declares there is less of politics in the Boston Fire Department than there ever was and less than obtains in the departments of other cities equally large. He says that the high pressure water system was being installed when he became Mayor and that it was being laid under plans made long before his incumbency. He declares it is his aim to motorize the fire department entirely. He says the firemen have a legal right to organize into any such society as the Russell Club. He insists that the department is more efficient today than ever it was in the past.

PRESS WOMEN CONFERENCE

A press conference was held yesterday by the New England Woman's Press Association at the rooms of the New England Woman's Club, 585 Boylston Street. It was attended by a large number of presidents of women's clubs in Greater Boston. Preceding the conference, Mrs. Mary I. Wood of Portsmouth, N. H., spoke of the work of the General Federation Bureau of Information, of which she is chairman. Mrs. Frederick H. Bishop presided at the conference, the general topic for discussion being "The Publicity Side of the Women's Club Movement."

WILLARD SETTLEMENT FUND

With the second day's receipts in the Frances E. Willard Settlement campaign for \$150,000 bringing the total up to \$22,965.25 the various teams engaged in the work were active today in efforts to further increase the receipts. The amount reported at the Ford Hall luncheon yesterday was \$2908.

NORTH END IMPROVEMENT

The North End Improvement Association held its annual meeting last night. James V. Donnaruma was unanimously reelected as president. Other officers are John A. Scanga and Nicholas Cefalo, vice-presidents; Charles Raffi, treasurer; George C. Greener, secretary.

NEW EMPLOYMENT OFFICE OF FEDERAL BUREAU PROPOSED

United States Officials to Confer With Mayor Curley in Effort to Cooperate on Plans

Anthony Caminetti, United States Commissioner-General of Immigration, Henry J. Skeffington, Boston Immigration commissioner, and Mayor James M. Curley, of Boston, are to hold a conference at City Hall at 10 a. m., tomorrow on the effort of the United States Government to establish an office for its free employment service in the business section of the city. Local immigration officials have been visiting office locations in the South and North Ends, with a view of securing quarters should the conference produce any union of action. The idea of Mr. Caminetti is to secure the cooperation of the city officials in the work of providing employers with help, and jobs to the unemployed, free of charge.

The present location of the "United States Employment Service" is at the Immigration station, Long Wharf, but facilities for the work are not provided there, and the number of men assigned to the work are understood to be insufficient to properly handle the clerical and statistical work. About a year ago, efforts were made to consolidate the Federal and the State free offices, but after lengthy negotiations, the proposition was given up. The State free employment office is at 8 Kneeland Street, and is recognized by state officials, as an efficient office.

Mr. Caminetti was in Boston several times last summer during the negotiations and many conferences were held. Two Boston inspectors who had been transferred to other points, were recalled to handle the federal work at the State office. Then the project was abandoned.

Now cooperation is sought with the city, and Mr. Caminetti is understood to have proposals to make to Mayor Curley.

The Federal Government has cooperated with city and state officials in many parts of the United States, and branch offices have been opened up in hundreds of new locations. Cooperation has been effected with 21 national women's organizations and, in the words of Mr. Caminetti, "the purpose of all is to do the utmost for the benefit of women and girls; avoiding duplication of effort; and aiming at a solution of the problem of unemployment by comprehensive methods. Considerable funds have been taken recently to engage new clerical forces throughout the country to handle the increased duties, although no fund has as yet been appropriated for this specific work. The expense comes out of the immigration appropriation, and that department is already short of funds, pending the passage of a new appropriation, according to information from Washington. Many of the new employees did not pass civil service examination for their appointment, it is also understood.

HOUSE PAINTERS' LAST SESSIONS ARE BEING HELD

Installation of officers and business sessions bring the twenty-sixth annual convention of the Society of Master House Painters and Decorators of Massachusetts to a close in Horticultural Hall today. Officers elected yesterday follow: President, Ivory M. Morse of Hyde Park; vice-president, George B. Gilbert of Cambridge; secretary and treasurer, Alexander Peters of Boston; trustee for three years, C. F. W. Hanson of Boston; state organizer, Thomas W. Scott of Weston; and assistant state organizer, George H. Fisher of Quincy.

"Organization Work Among Master Painters" is the subject to be discussed this afternoon by A. H. McGhan of Washington, general secretary-treasurer of the national association, and Henry B. Kelley of Boston is to give an address on "The Value of Beauty as a Business Asset." A reception to the new president will be held in the hall tonight as the closing event.

Trade schools were the main subject discussed yesterday afternoon. Dr. Payson Smith, State Commissioner of Education, advocated a liberal training so that the boys will be trained for American citizenship as well as for the trade which they have chosen.

Robert O. Small, Massachusetts deputy commissioner of education, made several recommendations for the better development of apprentices in connection with trade school studies. Progress of trade schools in other states was related by Dr. Louis Ireton of New York, who had for his subject "Vocational Training in the Public Schools."

YALE CLUB OF BOSTON

The Yale Club of Boston met at the Boston City Club last night and heard an address by Dr. Hugh Cabot on "Observations Concerning the War in Europe. It was announced that instead of the usual gift to the university library, the club this year had voted to give a scholarship. Brewer Eddy, '98, one of the vice-presidents of the club, presided.

HIGHER PRICES FOR MILK IS THE AIM OF FARMERS

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and Director F. A. Rogers of Meridith, N. H. Five additional temporary directors, however, to represent the other New England states, were elected yesterday: Frank S. Adams of Bowdoinham, Me.; Frank Northrup of Ludlow, Vt.; Elmer M. Poole of North Dartmouth; C. W. Tinkham of Warren, R. I.; C. I. Stoddard of Connecticut.

While it is realized that the old association was successful in obtaining for many of its members higher rates for their milk in the contest with the large milk contractors last fall, the new organization hopes with the backing of three-quarters or seven-eighths of the farmers in New England, Southern Quebec and Eastern New York, to be able to still further advance prices, and possibly obtain the same rates both summer and winter.

There is scarcely a farmer in attendance at the meeting who does not complain of low prices for milk, long hours of labor, scarcity of help, and high cost of feed. They are unanimous in declaring they are entitled to higher rates, and any organization such as the one just formed meets with their approval and support.

As a rule these New England farmers are not antagonistic to the contractors or milk middlemen in the large cities and towns. In fact many producers claim that they would find it difficult to market their product but for the systematic methods in the handling and distributing in the cities adopted by the contractors. What the farmers aim to accomplish are higher rates for milk from the consumer, on the theory that the product is worth considerably more than they are now receiving.

"They see no reason why the consumer should not pay 12 or 15 cents a quart for high class milk, such as all of them claim to produce, and if combination of producing interests, which is permitted under the Clayton Act, can increase the present rate, they are for such an organization."

Jonas Bemis of Worcester said yesterday: "Men in other fields of labor work eight hours a day, and live happily on good wages, while the farmer, who is the real basis of the country's prosperity, works 16 and 18 hours a day and hardly makes a living. Why should we not demand our rights?"

"The farmers out West can raise money in our eastern banks, but we can't. They laugh at us. There are men who think they can squeeze us down and drink our milk at 4 cents a quart. We are organized now and strong enough to ask 50 cents a can the year round."

"We need money. It's the dollars that pay for the plowing, the planting and the tilling. We cannot longer make milk with our hands. We must hire more help and pay higher prices for it. With all the expenses we are forced into debt, while the rest of the world parades in happiness."

"We do not need the stacks of agricultural literature that are sent us. It does not help me in any way. I always throw it in the stove."

C. L. Tinkham of Warren, R. I., and a prominent member of the Rhode Island State Grange said that the country boards of trade had failed to bring better conditions to the farmers, and that a new and stronger organization was necessary. "I am strongly in favor of getting every cent we can for our milk through combination," said Mr. Tinkham. Francis B. Parker of the Massachusetts Extension Service believed in getting after the farmer who sells his milk below cost and in teaching him better methods of accounting.

Prof. J. W. Sanborn of Gilmanton, N. H., declared that the farmer should get the same price for his milk throughout the year. He claimed the theory that the farmer can produce milk cheaper in summer than in winter is a false one. "The grazing does not last all summer and the loss in the last three months in the year more than makes up for what little is gained in the summer."

Ambrose Fuller, Commissioner of Agriculture in New Hampshire, said the organization stood for more than 5-cent milk; it stood for the retaining of breeding cows that had fallen by the wayside in New England. He also spoke in behalf of the milkmen getting real money for real values, asking, "Who else sells a 20-cent product for 5 cents?"

While admitting their ability through combination to increase the price of milk, some of the farmers said yesterday that any abnormal increase would be impossible because such an advance would immediately bring in western competition.

They claimed that the farmers west of Buffalo were already looking toward the New England field, as a selling region for their product, and that with modern methods of transportation and handling, milk could be sent to Boston from points as far west as Wisconsin. That milk producers of the Middle West would seize upon any high prices in the East to flood the eastern market with western milk, was the only competition which the New England farmers feared, in marking up the price of his goods.

It is expected by the leaders of the New England Milk Producers Association, that the organization will be in complete working condition by the middle of March, and ready to take an active part in establishing new milk rates when the present contracts between the contractors and the farmers expire on April 1. Farmers are hoping for 60 cents for an 8½-quart can of milk the coming spring, which means 11 cents a quart to the consumer.

NEBRASKA IS IN QUANDARY OVER SCHOOL LANDS

One Official Advises Their Sale and Another Would Have Them Held for Increase in Value—Legislature to Decide

Special to The Christian Science Monitor from its Western Bureau

LINCOLN, Neb.—Whether or not 1,886,363 acres of educational land, held by the State of Nebraska, shall be placed subject to sales or increased rentals demanded from settlers who lease them, will be one of the problems before the State Legislature this winter. State Land Commissioner Fred Beckmann recommends in his annual report that the State take steps to hold its lands, because the valuations are rapidly increasing. State Superintendent of Schools A. O. Thomas would either sell them or charge higher rentals. State Senator John A. Robertson of Hol. County will lead a campaign for a law authorizing general sale of the lands.

These lands are now leased at 6 percent of their appraised value, and the State Board of Education Lands and Funds may reappraise them every five years. All lessees of irrigated land may purchase their tracts. Persons holding lease contracts executed before July 9, 1879, may renew expired contracts providing all rentals have been paid, or may buy the land, paying one-tenth of the principal down and the remainder under a sale contract covering 20 years. Leases dated July 9, 1879, or later, may not be renewed except as new leases under competitive bidding. In competitive bidding the person offering to pay the highest bonus in addition to the 6 percent rental is given the lease. No one person may lease more than 640 acres.

A lease holder may buy his land by obtaining a sale contract, agreeing to pay the full amount fixed in appraisal by the State board, within 30 years' time, unpaid principal drawing 5 percent interest. No educational land may be sold for less than \$7 an acre.

Commissioner Beckmann in his annual report to the Governor points out that valuations on land to be sold, as fixed by county officers, was increased by the State board from \$210,000 to \$250,000, including 18,224.66 acres in 38 counties. Reappraisal of lands under lease in 19 counties raised the valuation from \$446,700.54 to \$911,865.98.

Mr. Beckmann says: "I am of the opinion that it would be better for the State to hold the title to its school lands and not sell any more than it is absolutely compelled to sell under the present law, as the time is not far distant when all the school lands will more than double in value. The State is improving very fast and with the great increase of irrigation and progress in dairy business, there will be a great demand for grazing lands. I would recommend that the laws be amended to enable the State to obtain a fair rental."

All interest on permanent school funds, rentals on leased school lands, interest on balance due on such lands when sold and bonus money received as premium in sales is turned into the permanent school fund, which is apportioned twice a year to the various counties for support of the public schools. Money derived from sale of school lands, escheated lands, and 5 percent of the purchase price of Government bonds is paid into the permanent school fund, which now amounts to \$9,864,648.

Senator Robertson contends that, inasmuch as the temporary school fund is apportioned to the counties on the basis of school census showing, the more populous counties, in which most of the school land was sold before the Legislature stopped the sales in 1897, are obtaining more than their share of the money paid in by the lessees of school lands in the western counties. He says: "All over Western

NEWS OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE

UNITED STATES DOMINATES IN AUTO INDUSTRY

Total Exports From Beginning of War Until Last October \$226,703,617—Parts, Tires and Engines Other Big Items

NEW YORK, N. Y.—From outbreak of the war until end of last October United States exported \$122,285,745 of automobile trucks, \$76,672,133 of passenger cars and \$37,745,739 of automobile parts (not including engines and tires), a total of motor exports of \$226,703,617. This showing is for an industry of actually less than 20 years standing.

In the year ending June 30, 1916, exports of automobile parts, exclusive of tires and engines, amounted to \$22,536,485, which was more than the total of passenger cars and trucks together as recently as in 1912. In the last fiscal year exports of tires were \$17,936,227 and of gasoline automobile engines \$2,636,862, compared with \$4,963,270 and \$1,402,334 respectively the preceding year.

The startling growth of American automobile exports in the last six years is shown in the following table, the grand total column including parts (except tires and engines) as well as motor vehicles (years end June):

	Passenger Cars	Trucks	Total
1916.....	\$6,221,400	\$6,688,823	\$12,910,223
1915.....	\$3,880,240	\$3,113,963	\$6,994,203
1914.....	\$2,306,252	\$2,392,862	\$4,699,114
1913.....	\$2,429,241	\$2,276,793	\$4,706,034
1912.....	\$2,157,157	\$1,266,130	\$3,423,287
1911.....	\$1,192,192	\$1,266,049	\$2,458,241

*Includes passenger and commercial vehicles; no separate statistics compiled.

The feature of effect of the war, after the first temporary check of all exports, was the tremendous growth in truck exports and relegation of passenger cars to second place. Thus, as shown in table above, shipments of passenger cars in the year ended June 30, 1915, were more than \$4,000,000 less than in preceding 12 months, and truck exports increased from \$1,181,611 to \$3,113,963.

Since early months of the war, passenger car exports have shown an upward tendency, and during last July and October for the first time since October, 1914, exports of passenger cars exceeded exports of commercial vehicles. This is especially significant in view of embargoes which belligerent countries have in force against imports of pleasure vehicles, and indicates the growing popularity of American motor cars in neutral countries.

In the detailed table below is presented a review of motor exports of the United States since the outbreak of the European war.

	Passenger Cars	Trucks	Total
Oct. 1916.....	\$3,635,291	\$1,756,768	\$5,392,059
September.....	2,202,215	2,819,405	5,021,620
August.....	1,412,158	3,574,485	4,986,643
July.....	3,062,670	3,665,653	6,728,323
June.....	5,852,235	3,215,459	9,067,694
May.....	4,357,238	4,069,690	8,426,928
April.....	5,259,483	4,998,350	10,257,833
March.....	4,909,179	3,726,039	8,635,218
February.....	6,170,347	4,023,429	10,193,776
January.....	3,416,818	3,044,995	6,461,813
Dec. 1915.....	2,920,553	2,710,758	5,631,311
November.....	3,837,307	2,791,507	6,628,814
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DISCUSSIONS SET SPANISH CORTES BACK IN ITS WORK

Stubborn Minorities Cause Delays in Transacting Business—Issues Facing Government

By The Christian Science Monitor Special Spanish Correspondent

MADRID, Spain—The Cortes is in occasional difficulties, and there are sometimes rumors of crises, but they need not be taken seriously, even when cabled by news agencies, for the Premier, the Count de Romanones, has made a deep study of "Spanish parliamentary psychology" by this time, and is determined not to be turned from his main intention by fractious politicians, such as have frightened previous administrations out of office. He displays tact and firmness, and declares himself always an optimist. The situation, however, is hard again, for the Cortes is once more suffering from the effects of its long discussions and is in arrears with its work. For some time past the necessity of instituting a permanent or continual session for the purpose of catching up has been talked of and seemed imminent, but the Premier thinks it may be avoided. But there have been delays over the budgets and other matters, chiefly caused by the truculent minorities, with, as frequently, the irreconcilable Catalans as chief among them. At one stage the Count de Romanones held out a plain threat to the minorities that if they continued, out of sheer love of hindrance, to impede the work of the Cortes any more, he should ignore them, abandon the policy adopted in the national interest during the war of making the Government as much of a national affair as possible, and should carry on by sheer weight of his own majority. Extreme measures of any kind, however, have not been necessary. It is notable that Señor Dato, the leader of the official Conservative Party and Prime Minister in the last Government, continually gives the most complete and patriotic support to the Premier.

A pleasant matter to contemplate is the vote that has just taken place in the Congress to grant the widow of Estanislao Figueras a pension of 5000 pesetas a year. Señor Figueras belonged to the most difficult of modern periods of Spanish politics, for he was one of the great lights of the ill-fated revolution of 1873-4. He fought the Amadeus Monarchy most energetically, and upon the abdication of the Italian prince, Señor Figueras became, for a brief period, President of the Republic. After the restoration he retired to private life. This vote of a pension to his widow is a graceful act on the part of the Spanish Parliament, and all the more so because of the fact that it was put forward by the Conservative leader, Señor Dato, who, with all the eloquence at his command, exalted the memory of this great man who gave his life work to the state. Señor Nougués, in the name of the Republican Party and of all sections of the Left, thanked Señor Dato for his noble and sympathetic speech, with which the Government associated itself.

In a variety of ways, the Government has much to think of. A formidable list of prohibitions of exportation is issued, and the new authority for the control of food is getting to work to improve the state of things. Yet a thousand unemployed workmen have just marched in procession through the streets of Madrid clamoring for work, and Spain, in parts, now has a lighting and shop closing order so that the apparent life of towns and cities is extinguished early in the evening. No Zeppelins soar above Spain; it is a matter of economy only. But again the people murmur that they might as well be at war, and the great Reformista leader, Melquíades Alvarez, in a speech he has just made at Alcoy, declares that it is well to do what can be done in the way of the betterment of home administration, but that the future of Spain does not depend upon what is done in its interior, but on the line of battle on the Somme and on the Meuse.

GERMANY RAISES MAINTENANCE GRANTS

Special to The Christian Science Monitor
BERLIN, Germany—During the recent Reichstag debates on the auxiliary service bill Dr. Helfferich was able to announce that the Federal Council had agreed to increase the maintenance grants accorded to soldiers' families. The grant to soldiers' wives is to be raised to 20 marks, and to all other relatives to 10 marks a month, the increase being reckoned from the beginning of November onwards. For the present, the increased rate is to remain in force until the end of April next.

The Federal Council has also decided to raise the grant it has hitherto made to the communal authorities for war relief from 20,000,000 to 30,000,000 marks and to increase the fund for special cases from 500,000 to 1,000,000 marks. It has also been decided to continue maintenance grants for a fortnight after the discharge of soldiers from the army. It is estimated that these changes will necessitate the expenditure of an extra 55,000,000 marks a month, so that during the six months in question a bonus of 330,000,000 marks in all will have been paid to soldiers' families.

Dr. Helfferich's announcement was received with applause and he took the opportunity to observe that he believed the Imperial Government had more than fulfilled the wishes of the Reichstag in the matter.

CHINESE PEOPLE APPROVE SPEECH OF BARON HAYASHI

Special to The Christian Science Monitor
TOKIO, Japan—The speech delivered by Baron Hayashi, Japanese Minister to Peking, before the members of the Shichihui on the occasion of his recent visit to Mukden to interview Viscount Motono returning from Petrograd, reported to have produced very favorable impressions among the Chinese people.

The baron's speech, in which he laid stress on the importance of closer Sino-Japanese friendship, is welcomed by the Chinese officials in Mukden, who hold in especial admiration the enlightened views of the Japanese Minister for boldly criticizing the attitude of Japanese merchants and traders in connection with the convertible notes question in Manchuria. In this connection the recent issue of the Tungshing Kungapao has an editorial comment which is summarized as follows:

Nothing damages more seriously Sino-Japanese friendship than the constant friction over the question of the convertible notes issue in Manchuria. The greater the amount of notes converted, the greater the stringency in the money market, which not only seriously impairs the economic interests of the Chinese mercantile community, but also prejudices the interests of Japanese merchants throughout Manchuria. The enlightened remarks of Baron Hayashi, who urged the necessity of removing quickly the source of this constant trouble must be eulogized as a timely and valuable proposal and advice to be keenly reflected on by both the Chinese themselves and the Japanese community. The speech of the Japanese Minister will serve to enlighten those who adhere to the conversion system without realizing the baneful and disadvantageous consequences resulting from the undesirable practice, and it will contribute to the promotion of friendly relationship between the two peoples.

Not only in Manchuria but also in South China, the Baron's speech has produced a very favorable echo in the Chinese press and in both official and private circles. Especially in Shanghai the Minister's speech has been welcomed by those who are convinced of the possibility of the realization of true and sincere friendship and harmonious cooperation between Japanese and Chinese to be evinced in Manchuria earlier than elsewhere, as the first instance of the Sino-Japanese rapprochement, and the hope is expressed that the authorities of the two governments will strive for the advancement of cordial international relations between the two neighbor nations.

ITALIAN SHIPPING COMBINE IS FORMED

Special to The Christian Science Monitor
ROME, Italy—Under the title of Istituto Nazionale di Credito Navale a group of shipping companies, headed by the Navigazione Generale Italiana, have constituted a limited company with a share-capital of 100,000,000 lire, 50,000,000 lire of which is paid up. The purpose of the company, it is announced, is to finance Italian shipping enterprises, and to raise credit for the purpose of furnishing capital to the Italian shipping industry, either by promoting new concerns and participating in their constitution, by purchasing shares and bonds of shipping companies, by granting subsidies guaranteed by a lien on vessels, or by any other means allowed by law. It may also undertake marine insurance on such vessels, take part in, or establish special concerns for the purpose of furnishing shipowners with what is required for the fitting up and running of vessels, and effect any commercial, financial or industrial transaction or operation in keeping with the purpose of the company.

The Italian press points out that the shipping companies in question have invested in the new institution a considerable part of their own reserves. Previously there had been under discussion the possible formation by the Government, or with State aid, of a banking or credit institution on similar lines to the one thus created by a single shipping combine. It had been proposed that a syndicate should be formed amongst the banks, headed by the Banca d'Italia, which would thus be quite independent of any industrial, maritime or naval groups, and have a large capital. It is reported that this scheme is still being examined by Signor Arlotto, the Minister of Transports, and may crystallize shortly.

NEW FLOUR REGULATIONS

Special to The Christian Science Monitor
LONDON, England—The Board of Trade have given authority under the flour and bread order for the manufacture, until further notice, of bread or other articles of food from any imported flour which, though not complying with the requirements of the order, satisfies the following conditions:

1. That North American spring wheat flour so imported is not whiter than a sample representing a straight run flour manufactured in Glasgow, at the time that the imported flour was purchased, from North American spring wheat of a grade not lower than No. 3 North Manitoba.
2. That other wheat flour so imported is not whiter than a sample representing a straight run flour manufactured in the ordinary course of business in the mills of the district of the port of entry, at the time that the imported flour was purchased.

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ARBITRATION OF INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES

Special to The Christian Science Monitor from its Eastern Bureau
NEW YORK, N. Y.—The Reform Club of this city has just established a committee on industrial arbitration which will promote arbitration of industrial disputes between public utility corporations and their employees, with particular reference to the interests of the public.

The committee, of which Everett P. Wheeler is chairman, will favor legislation to prevent strikes on public utilities and to establish a system of Government regulation which will provide a method of adjudication which will give to the employees the relief now secured, if at all, by strikes, and at the cost of convenience to society.

BROWN ALUMNI DINNER
Under the title of the "All New England Brown Dinner" the graduates of Brown are planning for the biggest dinner the alumni has ever held. The event will take place at the Copley-Plaza "on Tuesday evening, Jan. 23, and the chief guest is to be Charles E. Hughes, President W. H. P. Paunce of Brown will represent the university and Judge Arthur L. Brown 76, of the United States District Court, and Governor Samuel W. McCall are also on the list of speakers.

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THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

The Shops on the Avenue

When Harriet woke on Tuesday morning it was not raining any more. As soon as she saw the bright sunshine she hopped joyfully out of bed and called to her mother:

"We shan't have to stay in the house all day today, shall we, Mumsey?"

"No, indeed," said Mother; "and that is very fortunate, for you and I have ever so many errands to do this morning."

So, as soon as breakfast was over, the dishes washed and the beds made, the postman and the janitor and the ice man and the milkman attended to Harriet and her Mother started out on their errands. Harriet carried her beautiful pink sunshade which Aunt Grace had given her, continues this interesting account of the daily doings of a little city child. "About Harriet," by Clara W. Hunt. Mother carried her shopping bag in one hand and that left the other hand free to hold Harriet's when they crossed the streets where automobiles and grocers' and butchers' wagons went whizzing by.

It was not a long walk to the street where the shops were. The errands this morning were not downtown errands to the great, huge department stores. Harriet's Mother wanted groceries and meat and fruit, not dresses and coats and shoes and furniture. There was a long avenue which had a row of all sorts of small shops down each side of it, and a trolley ran through the middle of the avenue.

Mother and Harriet stopped first at Mr. O'Rourke's grocery store. As soon as they went into the door, one of the clerks named Jans Jergensen came forward to wait upon them. Jans had very light hair and bright red cheeks. Harriet liked him very much, and he thought Harriet was the nicest little girl who came into the store.

Mother ordered of Jans a dozen of the freshest eggs, two pounds of Mr. O'Rourke's best butter, a pound of seedless raisins, and three and a half pounds of sugar. She told Jans not to have the things sent over to her house until noon, because she did not expect to get home until then. As they started to go away, Jans went to a basket and chose the largest and prettiest peach he could find to give to Harriet. Harriet thanked him very prettily, and Jans smiled a broad smile to see his little friend so delighted.

The fruit store belonged to a dark-haired man who had come far across the great ocean and a great sea from the brave little country of Greece. In fact, most of the people who sold things along the avenue had come from faraway countries. Father and Mother always had a story for everything, and Harriet had heard many an old woman tale that the fathers and mothers of Mr. Sorakes's country told to their little children. Perhaps the reason why the shopkeepers like to wait upon Harriet's Mother was because she was interested in their countries and talked to them about their faraway homes.

Mr. Sorakes's window always looked as pretty as a flower garden. He knew just how to arrange his dark-red cherries and pale-yellow lemons, his rosy-cheeked apples and huge bunches of California grapes, his boxes of dates and figs, his many colored jars of jelly, his walnuts and almonds and berries, and—oh, more delicious things than Harriet could ever count. She always played outside the shop while Mother went inside, and she gazed into the great glass window enjoying the colors and trying to name the different kinds of things, but there was always some new name to learn.

Mother ordered a box of strawberries and a dozen of lemons from Mr. Sorakes, and then they went on to their next stopping place.

Harriet always liked the bakery windows, but Mother seldom bought anything from a bakery. This morning Harriet could hardly tear herself away from the bakery window, because there was a huge wedding cake in the middle of it, and on top of the white frosted cake was a wedding party.

There were delicatessen shops, too, on the avenue, which Harriet liked. You could buy a whole cooked meal in one of these shops—a pot of baked beans, or a roast of beef, slices of cold ham, potato salad and other kinds of salad, bread and butter and pie and pickles and cheese and doughnuts. The windows made a person hungry just to look at them, but Mother hardly ever bought anything here, either, except cream cheese.

Next they passed a cleaner's window. That means a place where people take the kind of waists and dresses and skirts that which were washed in a tub of water, but which the cleaner can make look almost as good as new by some other way of cleaning than using soap and water. Even feathers and gloves and satin slippers are made to look fresh and new by these wonderful people.

Next Mother stopped at Mr. Levy's, the tailor's, to ask him to send for a suit of Father's that needed to be mended and pressed. Mr. Levy made new suits and coats and skirts, and he could mend and smooth out wrinkled clothes till they looked almost like new ones.

There were only two more errands to do. One was at the branch post office in the drug store, where Mother bought stamps and postal cards. Harriet wanted some ice cream from the soda fountain part of the drug store, but Mother said no, not in the morning and so near lunch time.

Last of all they went to a little shop where the woman sold all sorts of materials for doing pretty needlework. There were embroidery silks and needles and scissors; there were embroidery patterns to stamp on towels and napkins and tablecloths, on little girls' white dresses and ladies' pretty waists; there were knitting needles and worsted for making sweaters and scarfs and bedroom slippers;

and there were lots of other things. During the winters in the city Mother was too busy for fancywork, but there were long days in Maine when she had plenty of time to knit as well as to go picnicking and sailing and swimming; so that this morning Mother bought materials for making a white-and-blue porch jacket for Aunt Maud. At last all the errands were done and Mother and Harriet went home. After lunch . . . they sat on a Parkway bench once more until it was time for Father, and dinner, and then for story-telling.

The Puppy's Opinion

She taught me that I mustn't bark at little noises after dark. But just refrain from any fuss until I'm sure they're not dangerous. This would be easier, I've felt. If noises could be seen or smelt.

She's very wise. I have no doubt. And plans ahead what she's about. Yet after eating every day. She throws her nicest bones away. If she were really less obtuse, She'd bury them for future use.

But that which makes me doubt the most. These higher powers that humans boast,

Is not so much a fault like that. Nor yet her fondness for the cat. But on her pleasant country strolls Her dull indifference to holes!

O, if I once had time to spend To reach a hole's extremest end, I'd grab it fast, without a doubt, And promptly pull it inside out. Then drag it home with all my power To chew on it in a leisure hour.

Of all the mistresses there are, Mine is the loveliest by far! Fain would I wag myself apart. If I could thus reveal my heart. But on some things, I must conclude, Mine is the saner attitude.

—Burgess Johnson.

Bricks From Lava

It is reported that the Hawaiians are lately making bricks out of the lava which occasionally sweeps down their mountainsides.

How to Make the Bird House

To begin with, the word "house" is a misnomer, for the less house-like the bird box, the more practical it will prove. The fanciful doll houses with several compartments, chimneys, frescoes and verandas, while occasionally used by English sparrows and martins, are usually very ineffective, and, of course, entirely out of place. The more the house is like the old hollow limb in the orchard, or the hole in the fence post, the more pleasing to the eye of the bird it will be.

The best materials to select in building bird houses are weathered boards, rustic cedar, or slabs of wood with the bark adhering, writes Arthur A. Allen in the Cornell Rural School Leaflet. Smoothly planed boards should be avoided. A gourd, when obtainable, can be made very acceptable by cutting a hole of the proper size in one side, cleaning it out, and drilling a small hole in the bottom to drain off any rain that may beat in. Tin cans may be used, but should be painted or covered with bark to make them less unsightly. One end should be replaced by a block of wood, and the opening of the proper size should be made toward one edge of this or in one side of the can. Green bark of chestnut or other trees can sometimes be obtained and nailed into the form of a hollow cylinder. A hollow limb, a woodpecker's deserted nest, or a block of wood hollowed out in the form of a woodpecker's nest are all good devices, but usually it is easier to cut rough boards into the proper lengths in the form of a small box. Sometimes boxes of the proper size, such as chalk or starch boxes, can be found ready-made, and require only some reinforcement.

The exact size of the box is not very important, except that it should not be so large as to waste lumber, nor yet so small as to give insufficient room for the nest. A box should never be smaller than 3½ by 3½ by 6 inches, inside measurements, and it would be better to make it somewhat larger even for wrens. In putting up bird boxes for the first time, it would be well to make them of average size so that they will be acceptable to the greatest variety of birds. In this way, the chances of attracting them are increased. Such a box would measure 5 by 5 by 12 inches with the long axis vertical. If special effort is made to attract flickers, screech owls, or sparrow hawks, boxes 6½ by 6½ by 24 inches should be made. If martins are desired, a house with 10 to 30 compartments should be constructed, with each compartment six to eight inches square. Rows of gourds tied to cross pieces and raised on poles will likewise attract martins and are extensively used in the South. Explicit directions for building a large martin house can be obtained from the United States Department of Agriculture. Houses for all other birds should be built with only one compartment.

The size and the position of the opening are much more important than the exact size of the box. A round hole is the best, and, except in martin houses, should be cut above the middle line, on one side, preferably about two inches from the top.

If there are not many sparrows or starlings about, it will be better to make the openings in all the boxes, except those for the largest birds, one and one-half inches in diameter. This



The various kinds of banyan are among the chief tree friends of tropical humanity. In the lands round the equator, the sun pours down all day in such genial abundance that the richest vegetation, the brightest and largest butterflies, luxuriate in the hot, damp atmosphere. But at noon-day, when the morning's work is done and the sultriest period of the 24 hours is approaching, workmen seek the shade, cattle wander under the trees and birds take shelter among their branches. A strange silence reigns; even the cicadas cease their usual trilling. It is then that the best

shade trees earn the love of one and all. Among them, there is probably not one more welcome than the banyan. It will grow vigorously in village squares where no moisture would seem to exist, because its roots, searching deep down and far and wide, find every little trickle of water within their area.

To enable it to spread further than its crown unaided could do, the longer limbs send down slender supports to prop them up. These in time increase in girth and send out branches of their own, so that the parent tree becomes surrounded with a vigorous

ring of younger trees. These, in turn, give rise to more, until a veritable forest appears where once was a single stem. Calcutta (Sibpur) Botanic Gardens has, as its best-known feature, a great banyan (Ficus bengalensis) which has increased in this way. Ten men could barely join hands round its central trunk, while it would take fully five minutes to walk round its crown of foliage. The evergreen leaves give a complete dense shade, and many a toiler strolls into its cool, quiet shadows during the heat of the day, glad to rest awhile from the glare and dust of a tropical noonday.

Chinese Boy Scouts

I was struck by the workmanlike appearance of the Chinese boys, sons of wealthy men, cleaning their boots, washing their dishes and clothes, etc., and in fact doing everything for themselves. You American boys do not realize what this means, because Chinese boys have never done their own work unless they were paid to do so, writes a scoutmaster from Shanghai, China, in Boys Life.

Chinese are usually backward in taking up new things, but with scouting it was different. Two years ago the name Chinese scouts was not known, now there are nearly 2000 scouts in China, and they expect to develop their number very shortly. At the first rally of the boy scouts in China, scouts came from all parts of the country. The Canton Troop traveled about 1500 miles to attend the rally, having raised the money by giving two concerts.

The badge of the Chinese Boy Scouts is the well-known "feur de lis," with the five national colors, red, yellow, blue, white and black, across the fleur de lis, and the words "Chinese Boy Scouts," in Chinese, at the bottom. A very pretty and attractive badge indeed.

The tests these fellows have to go through are just the same as those you have to do, and the way they manage to get their second and first-class badges is really wonderful.

Before I end, I want to call attention to one remarkable development of scouting in China. Before scouting was known in this country, their men never gave in to the ladies; for example, if a man was in a crowded car and a lady entered, he would never have thought of getting up to give her his seat, but now one sees young men who are promptly vacating their seats and offering them to the ladies, no matter who or what they are, and I am sure these young men are boy scouts.

The Cornish Emigrant's Song

O! the eastern winds are blowing; The breezes seem to say, "We are going, we are going, To North Americay."

"There the merry bees are humming Around the poor man's hive; Parson Kingdon is not coming To take away their tithe."

"There the yellow corn is growing Free as the King's highway; So we're going, we are going, To North Americay."

"Uncle Bob shall be churchwarden, And Dick shall be the squire, And Jem, that lived at Norton, Shall be leader of the choir;"

"And I will be the preacher, And preach three times a day To every living creature In North Americay."

—R. S. Hawker.

The Pepper Port

The first shipment of pepper ever brought into the United States was landed at Salem, Mass., by Jonathan Carnes, a Salem captain, in the year 1795. Other captains discovered the vast profits to be made by the importation of pepper, and so it came about that, up to as recently as 1861, Salem was known among seafaring men as the Pepper Port.

In an Alpine Pasture

Heidi, a little Swiss girl, had gone to live with her grandfather, who was a goatherd and lived in a little hut which was perched high on a mountain-side. She was greatly enjoying her new life there and found it very different from that in the valleys below. In the following passages, from "Heidi," by Johanna Spyri, we may read of her adventures on her first morning in an Alpine mountain pasture.

Down the ladder (from her loft) she ran, and away out-of-doors. There stood Peter with his goats; and her grandfather brought out his from the stall, that they might join the flock. Heidi bade both him and the goats a good morning.

"Would you like to go with them to the pasture?" asked her grandfather. And the child could only jump for joy, she was so delighted. . . .

And on they went, climbing joyfully up the Alm (the mountain on which stood the goatherd's hut). The wind had swept the last trace of cloud from the sky, which was of a wonderful dark blue. The green Alp was covered with blue and yellow flowers, and their wide-open petals seemed laughing back at the sun while everything shimmered and shone.

Heidi scampered hither and thither, shouting for joy. Now it was a group of red primroses; one place was perfectly blue with lovely gentians; and here and everywhere the tender blossoms of the yellow buttercups nodded and laughed in the sunlight. Carried away with delight by all the beckoning, glistening flowers, the child forgot the goats, and Peter also. Running now forwards, now back again; first on this side, then on that side; for here they were like red, and there like yellow sparkles, and she was tempted in every direction. Gathering great handfuls of flowers, she stuffed them all into her apron; for she must carry them home with her, and place them in the hay in her bedroom, to make it look there as it did on the Alp. . . .

"Now you have picked enough of these," said Peter, "else you will be always stopping; and besides, if today you pick them all, tomorrow you will find no more."

This last reason convinced Heidi; moreover, she had stuffed her apron so full that there was not room for another flower; and tomorrow she

must see them again. She now kept along with Peter; and the goats, too, went in better order, for they scented the sweet herbs from their pasture on the heights afar, and pushed forward without pausing.

The pasture where Peter usually stopped, and made his resting-place for the day, lay at the foot of the peak, whose base, covered with scrub trees and bushes, rose steep, and naked towards the sky. On one side of the Alp the great rocks were divided by steep clefts and chasms, and the grandfather was quite right to warn them. . . .

As they had now reached the highest point, Peter took off his knapsack, placing it carefully in a little hollow where it would be sheltered from the wind, which blew often in strong gusts up so high on the mountain. This Peter knew very well, and did not mean to see his knapsack, with the nice dinner, go rolling down the hillside. Having put this in a place of safety, Peter stretched himself his full length on the sunny sod, to rest after the steep ascent. . . .

After this Peter began to whistle and call so loudly that Heidi did not know what had happened; but the goats knew well enough, and all came running and jumping, and were soon all gathered on the green field. Some nibbled at the sweet grass, others ran here and there, while some stood opposite each other a little way apart, and butted playfully with their horns. Springing to her feet, Heidi ran in amidst the goats, for she found it a new and indescribable pleasure to see the dear little creatures gamboling together so happily; and she, too, jumped from one to another to make herself acquainted with each separately, for each had its own peculiarities, and looked and behaved differently. . . .

While Heidi played with the goats, Peter had fetched the knapsack, and arranged the four parcels in a square on the grass, the big ones on Heidi's side, and the little ones on his; then he filled the mug with fresh milk from Schwanli, and placed it in the middle of the square. . . .

Then he called to Heidi to come, but he had to call again and again, longer than to the goats; for the child was so delighted with the thousand movements and pranks of her new playfellows, that she saw and heard nothing further. Peter understood how to make himself heard. He shouted so very loud that he could have been heard up on the rocks, causing Heidi to run as fast as she could; and then the table looked so very inviting, that she hopped about it for very joy.

The Parson and the Clerk

There was once a parson who was such a bully that whenever he met anyone driving on the King's highway, he called out, ever so far off—"Out of the way! Out of the way! Here comes the parson!"

One day when he was driving along and behaving so, he met the King. "Out of the way! Out of the way!" he bawled a long way off. But the King drove on and held his own; so it was the parson who had to turn his horse aside that time, and when the King came up beside him, he said, "Tomorrow you shall come to me at the palace, and if you can't answer three questions which I shall ask you, you shall lose your office for your pride's sake."

This was something quite different from what the parson was wont to hear, writes Gudrun Thorne-Thomsen in "East o' the Sun and West o' the Moon." He could bawl and bully, shout and scold. All that he could do, but question and answer were not in his line. So he set off to the clerk, who was said to be worth more than the parson, and told him he had no mind to go to the King. "For one fool can ask more than ten wise men can answer"; and the end was, he got the clerk to go in his place.

Yes, the clerk set off and came to the palace in the parson's clothes. There the King met him out on the porch with crown and scepter, and he was so grand he fairly glittered and gleamed. "Well, are you there?" said the King.

"Tell me first," said the King, "how far the East is from the West?"

"Just a day's journey," said the clerk. "How is that?" asked the King. "Don't you know," said the clerk, "that the sun rises in the East and sets in the West, and he does it just nicely in a day?"

"Very well!" said the King, "but tell me now what you think I am worth, as you see me stand here?"

"Well," said the clerk, "our Lord was valued at 30 pieces of silver, so I don't think I can set your price higher than 29."

"All very fine!" said the King, "but, as you are so wise, perhaps you can tell me what I am thinking about now?"

"Oh!" said the clerk, "you are thinking it's the parson who stands before you, but there's where you are mistaken, for I am the clerk."

"Be off home with you," said the King, "and be you parson, and let him be clerk." And so it was.

The Butterfly and the Bee

Methought I heard a butterfly Say to a laboring bee:

"Thou hast no colors of the sky On painted wings like me."

"Poor child of vanity those dyes, And colors bright and rare, With mild reproach, the bee replies, 'Are all beneath my care.'"

"Content I toil from morn to eve, And scorning idleness, To tribes of gaudy cloth I leave The vanity of dress."

—William Lisle Bowles.

Developing Photographs

water and sky occupy the greater part of the picture area, clouds and sky, and open landscapes that have no prominent object within, say, 75 feet of the camera, require less exposure than near-by subjects.

There is one more cause of a flat, fogged negative when the margins are clear and it is obvious that development was correct: that is, light scattered from the surface of the lens all over the film.

It may be because the sun is allowed to shine in the lens when making pictures against the light (this can be avoided by shading the lens), or it may be that the lens has been allowed to get dirty and dust or finger marks on it are scattering the light. To clean a lens, gently remove the dust, then breathe on it and wipe it with a clean, soft linen—not silk—handkerchief.

A Railway Dog

At a station on a railway somewhere in Australia the stationmaster owns a little dog, known as an Australian terrier. This little dog is very intelligent and most businesslike. He constitutes himself joint, or perhaps chief, guardian of the place. It is the habit of this dog to spend nearly all the hours of the day looking after railway matters. He runs along the platform and meets incoming trains, barking unceasingly at the engine, and then as the train leaves the station he barks just as noisily at the guard's van, running along the platform to see it safely off the premises. Sometimes both stationmaster and dog begin the day's work as early as 5 o'clock in the morning, and in that case the stationmaster takes some lunch with him to refresh himself at about half-past nine. The dog comes in for his share, but it sometimes happens that the owner forgets or neglects to take his meal, when the dog reminds him of the fact by barking in a certain way known to man and dog.

It happens occasionally that the dog, perhaps remembering a bone waiting for him at home, jumps into a train on his own account—one that is passing by where he lives—and so is carried home, about a mile away, and when he feels like it, he gets into another train and is carried back to the scene of his doggy activities. The stationmaster says that Mr. Terrier is very often a traveler by train in this manner.

Bees in an Office-Building

An Indiana man recently conceived the idea of keeping a swarm of bees in a hive in his downtown office.

The hive is placed close to a radiator and a window, so that in the summer the bees will have no trouble in flying out in search of honey, and in the winter they are kept warm by the heat from the radiator.

In the spring, when the flowers begin to bloom, the bees are tempted from their hive by a row of chocolate creams, and from the window sill where the candy is set, it is but a "step" to the fields where the flowers of the spring are blooming in abundance.

The yield of honey last year amounted to slightly over 50 pounds, and this year an even greater supply is expected.—St. Paul Pioneer-Press.

Seashore and lake, subjects in which

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The Temple of Aegina

The island of Aegina is a familiar sight to all who stay in Athens, and a daily contemplation of its beautiful peaked outline, rising sharply from the sea, generally leads to a visit. It may be reached by means of a small steamer, which, following the somewhat uncertain habits of Greek steamers, starts at more or less regular intervals, early in the morning, from the Piræus, and reaches the little town of Aegina after a couple of hours' passage across the lovely Bay of Salamis. From the steamer small boats fetch the passengers to the quays of the little town. The

traveler has to remain over night at the one available inn, a sufficiently modest establishment, for the steamer does not pass on its return journey till the following day. The Greek rural innkeeper is generally a very obliging person, and he does his best to comply with what he thinks are the peculiar notions of his guests. The objective of the visit is the temple, and mules must be obtained, or at least a guide, for the journey across the island to the temple by the rough track—path it can hardly be called—which is all the road there is. The temple stands in a little pine

wood, high above the sea, on the north side of the island, and from it there is a glorious view across the water, northward to Attica and Athens in her guardian ring of mountains, and southward to the Cyclades and the mountains of the Peloponnese. The building is Doric in character and dates from the early part of the Fifth Century B. C. It is, of course, especially famous for the well-known sculptures which were once its pediments, but are now in the Glyptothek at Munich. The main structure of the temple is fairly complete, and it is still beautiful enough, as it stands solitary among the pine trees, to give at least a hint of how very fine it must have been in the days of its full glory, with its sculptures in position, its painted cornices and its roof of Parian marble. After the return to the little port the day ends, pleasantly enough, with supper in the little eating house of the town—for Greek inns provide no food for their guests—where Greek dishes, with names hard to pronounce and harder still to spell, form the bill of fare; and last of all, perhaps, there will be a stroll along the quayside to watch the moon rising from behind the dark mountains of the Peloponnese on the other side of the silvery strip of sea.

Sunrise, Sunset and Night on the Red Sea

In his "Pilgrimage to Al-Madinah and Meccah," Sir Richard Burton gives a wonderful description of the color effects on the Red Sea between Tur and Yambu.

"Morning—The air is mild and balmy as that of an Italian spring; thick mists roll down the valleys along the sea, and a haze like mother-of-pearl crowns the headlands. The

distant rocks show Titanic walls, lofty donjons, huge projecting bastions, and moats full of deep shade. At their base runs a sea of amethyst, and as earth receives the first touches of light, their summits, almost transparent, mingle with the Jasper tints of the sky. Nothing can be more delicious than this hour. But . . . lovely Morning soon fades. The sun bursts up from behind the main. . . He dyes the sky orange, and the sea 'incarnadine' where its violet surface is stained by his rays, and he mercilessly puts to flight the mists and haze and the little agate-colored masses of cloud that were before floating in the firmament. The atmosphere is so clear that now and then a planet is visible."

By midday, he says, all color melts away. "Sunset—The enemy sinks behind the deep cerulean sea, under a canopy of gigantic rainbow which covers half the face of heaven. Nearest to the horizon is an arch of tawny orange; above it another of the brightest gold, and based upon these a semicircle of tender sea-green blends with a score of delicate gradations into the sapphire sky. Across the rainbow the sun throws its rays in the form of giant wheel spokes tinged with a beautiful pink. The Eastern sky is mantled with a purple flush that picks out the forms of the hazy desert and the sharp-topped hills. Language is a thing too cold, too poor, to express the harmony and the majesty of this hour, which is as evanescent, however, as it is lovely. Night falls rapidly, when suddenly the appearance of the zodiacal light restores the scene to what it was. Again the gray hills and the grim rocks become rosy or golden, the palms green, the sands saffron, and the sea wears a lilac surface of dimpling waves. But after a quarter of an hour all fades once more; the cliffs are naked and ghastly under the moon, whose light falling upon this wilderness of white crags and pinnacles is most strange—most mysterious.

"Night—The horizon is all darkness, and the sea reflects the white visage of the night-sun as in a mirror of steel. In the air we see giant columns of pallid light, distinct, based upon the indigo-colored waves, and standing with their heads lost in endless space. The stars glitter with exceeding brilliance. At this hour are

—river and hill and wood. With all the numberless goings on of life. Inaudible as dreams; while the planets look down upon you with the faces of smiling friends. You feel the 'sweet influence of the Pleiades.' You are bound by the 'bands of Orion.' Hesperus bears with him a thousand things. In communion with them your hours pass swiftly by, till the heavy dews warn you to cover up your face and sleep. And with one look at a certain little star in the north. . . you fall into oblivion."

Watching the Clock

I can't abide to see men throw away their tools in that way, the minute the clock begins to strike, as if they took no pleasure in their work, and was afraid of doing a stroke too much. Just as if he'd never a bit of pride and delight in his work. The very grindstone will go on turning a bit after you loose it.—George Elliot.

Let Truth and Falsehood Grapple

Though all the winds of doctrine were let loose to play upon the earth, so Truth be in the field, we do injuriously by licensing and prohibiting to misdoubt her strength. Let her and Falsehood grapple; who ever knew Truth put to the worse in a free and open encounter?—Milton.

Conversation

The advantage conversation has over all the other modes of improving the mind, is, that it is more natural and more interesting. A book has no eyes, and ears, and feelings; the best are apt every now and then to become a little languid; whereas, a living book walks about, and varies his conversation and manner, and prevents you from going to sleep. There is certainly a great evil in this, as well as a good; for the interest between man and his living folio becomes sometimes a little too keen, and in the competition for victory they become a little too animated toward, and sometimes exasperated against, each other; whereas, a man and his book generally keep the peace with tolerable success; and if they disagree, the man shuts his book, and tosses it into a corner of the room, which it might not be quite so safe to do with a living folio. It is an inconvenience in a book, that you cannot ask questions; there is no explanation; and a man is less guarded in conversation than in a book, and tells you with more honesty the little niceties and exceptions of his opinions; whereas, in a book, as his opinions are canvassed where they can, he often overstates a point for fear of being misunderstood; but then, on the contrary, almost every man talks a great deal better in his books, with more sense, more information.—Sydney Smith.

A Prairie Song

Over the prairies boundlessly
As if 'twere over the sea,
Roll of the sword unendingly,
Ripe sun where the billows be;

Wind of grass and poplar leaves,
The gold of the compass-blow,
Windmill vane by the clustered eaves,
Raw weeds in the coulee-floes,
Standing corn for every one,
The woodlots housed and square,
The rivers warts that broadly run
And farmlands stoutly aware,
The far right roads and single sky,
Fences that scarce divide
The common lot where the traders buy
And hail of the harvest-tide,—

Over the prairies long commands
To every house we see,
Over the earth's great level lands
My brothers and I go free.
—L. H. Bailey.

In Harriet Hosmer's Studio

The studio where Harriet Hosmer, the American sculptor, did most of her finest work was thus described to the Rev. Robert Collyer in a friend's letter, written in 1867:

"It is the prettiest studio in Rome. The little entrance court, with its beautiful flowers and singing birds, is a delightful change from the hot, dusty streets. When we went in, it being the artist's reception day, she was showing to some strangers the fountain in the center of the room. On the shells, which form the capital of the high pedestal in the middle of the basin, a siren sits singing. Below three charming little water-babies are bestriding dolphins. They are fascinated by the music, and one has his dimpled hand at his ear, listening intently, while the water spouts from the shells above.

"Miss Hosmer has a very vivacious manner, a little abrupt, and very decided. When she speaks with clear, ringing voice, in moments when you have, or she has, just said something that pleases her, her expression and manner are exceedingly charming, and her laugh, which came often, is most

musical. She wore a little velvet cap, which reminded me of Raphael. "In the same room with the fountain is a copy of her 'Puck': this little sprite sitting on an enormous toad-stool, his disorderly curls capped by a shell, clasping in one chubby hand a beetle and in the other a lizard, is the very personification of beautiful babyhood. She has a mate for him in her 'Will-o'-the-Wisp' or at least, a comrade, almost, if not quite, as bewitching. But the glory of her studio is a head of Medusa. I have always thought that to fulfill the idea of the old myth, Medusa should be beautiful, but I never saw her so represented before. . . In the next room was a colossal statue of Zenobia.

"Miss Hosmer took us into the inner room where she works. Just beyond the entrance stands the group on which she is now engaged—'The Waking Faun.' It is the sequel to 'The Sleeping Faun,' which was exhibited in Edinburgh and Paris. I despair of describing to you that beautiful creature, from whose lips the soft breath of slumber seems to come, and the mirth of the wicked little satyr who

is tying together, around the tree against which he reposes, the tail of the faun and the skin of a wild beast, which forms his drapery. 'The Waking Faun' is yet only in the clay, and I, daily undergoing the molding of the sculptor's hand. I was glad to see it in this stage, as it shows how entirely the whole expression of the statue is due to the sculptor, and how mechanical is the work of the chisel. Miss Hosmer played upon it with a hose as we went in, saying, 'I think sprinkling improves his expression.' Here the Waking Faun has caught the offender in the act, and with one hand grasping the little mischief by the hair, is bending back his head and looking in his face, with a countenance into whose sweetness and good humor he tries in vain to introduce a look of sternness. 'You see, he takes it coolly,' said Miss Hosmer. 'Fauns don't get angry, you know. I should be ashamed to tell you how long I have been on that statue, but—no, I shouldn't. Mr. Gibson used to say when I was in his studio, and working so long on the 'Medusa,'—'Nobody asks you how long you have been on a thing but fools, and you don't care what they think.'"

"The eminent person's eyelids as he produces that discovery, and edifying deductions or the solemn warnings he unfolds from this proposition, and all the dignified, inconclusive rigmarole of that cylinder. And it is nonsense from beginning to end.

"This is most distinctly not an age of specialization. There has hardly been an age in the whole course of history less so than the present. It is only under fixed conditions that you can have men specializing. "They specialize extremely, for example, under such conditions as one had in Hindustan up to the coming of the present generation. There the metal worker or the cloth worker, the wheelwright or the druggist of yesterday did his work under almost exactly the same conditions as his predecessors did it five hundred years before. He had the same resources, the same tools, the same materials; he made the same objects for the same ends. Within the narrow limits thus set him he carried work to a fine perfection; his hand, his mental character were subdued to his medium. His dress and bearing even were distinctive; he was, in fact, a highly specialized man. He transmitted his difference to his sons. Caste was the logical expression in the social organization of this state of high specialization, and, indeed, what else is caste or any definite class distinctions but that?"

"Held in Thy Law, I Stand"

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THE words, "Held in Thy law, I stand," occurring in a hymn by Samuel Longfellow, express admirably a fundamental fact of man's being of which the world generally has been either ignorant or careless. Regarding the usually accepted opinions on these matters it seems fair to say that while men admit that, as a general rule, the universe is governed and actuated by laws which are inviolable, man himself is under no such government, but, apart from the universal usage of birth, maturity and decay, is a creature of chance or circumstance, absolutely at the mercy of any bolt which may fall from the blue. But, as a matter of fact, the statements as to the inviolability of what is commonly known as natural law in the universe, are, nowadays, being brought into question, and geologists and chemists are saying that the most that can be said is, that they are forces, but that they do not fulfill the conditions of law.

Amidst all this confusion of thought, breaking away in so many directions from the old anchorages, where shall one who feels intuitively that law must be somewhere to be found, look for assurance? If he will turn to the Bible with some little knowledge of Christian Science wherewith to perceive its spiritual meaning, he will find what he seeks in the lives of prophets and apostles, and supremely in the life of Christ Jesus.

The attitude of Jesus toward what is known as material law is astonishing when one has eyes to see it apart from the false halo of the miraculous which has partially obscured it. In the following incidents it will be seen that he defied every known law of matter; he fed the multitude with five loaves and two fishes, he stilled the tempest, he raised the dead, he walked on the water, and finally he raised his own body from the grave. The argument that these were special abrogations of law for a particular purpose and time, is merely begging the question, for, as has often been pointed out, a law if it is truly law, cannot be abro-

gated or it ceases to be law, and further, if Jesus did these extraordinary works according to law then it must be possible to repeat them. That they have not so far been repeated during the intervening centuries has gone far to convince many that they never happened at all.

The human mind does not seem capable of truly apprehending law, or rather can only deduce law by its effects, as Huxley pointed out,—a somewhat negative position which seems to afford but slippery foothold for advancing humanity.

Christian Science intervenes at this point, and, tolerating no half-way measures, takes the unassailable position that Jesus knew no law but that of Spirit, Mind, and in the exercise of that knowledge proved the so-called laws of matter to be null and void. Logically that position cannot be disproved, and practically it is being proved in ever-increasing measure by the repetition of "the works," though every Christian Scientist acknowledges with deep humility how infinitesimal has been the measure of his attainment. Yet, in so far as it is an honest effort to realize, and prove the availability of law over material resistance, every little demonstration is a proof that he is being faithful in the few things which will eventually make him ruler over the many.

What then is law?

In innumerable passages in Science and Health, Mrs. Eddy points out the inconsistency, the powerlessness of what is called material, physical law, and in the chapter called "Spirit and Law," in "Miscellaneous Writings" (p. 257) she speaks definitely of law in its positive character as divine Mind. "The distinction between that which is and that which is not law, must be made by Mind and not matter. And almost immediately she adds, "The law of God is the law of Spirit, a moral and spiritual force of immortal and divine Mind."

The conclusion drawn by Christian Science from these statements, based as they are upon Jesus' words and

works, is that we need recognize only as law that which is irresistibly operating as an unbroken sequence of harmonious cause and effect, and that no obedience need be rendered to what is believed to act as a law of matter or disease, because as the Apostle says, "The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."

Sustained by this moral and spiritual force we literally need not be afraid of any material conditions no matter how unfortunate they may seem to be, for an adherence to this mental reliance upon God as the Lawgiver does assuredly bring forth good results even in the outward conditions. History records many instances of characters in whose lives remarkable incidents took place which are explicable only by the fact that those persons lived in the spirit of this law, even if they did not fully understand its letter.

The Discoverer of Christian Science, however, was not content with merely receiving the benefits of this law. She says in Science and Health (p. 109), "I knew the Principle of all harmonious Mind-action to be God, and that cures were produced in primitive Christian healing by holy, uplifting faith; but I must know the Science of this healing, and I won my way to absolute conclusions through divine revelation, reason, and demonstration."

The fact that this has been accomplished places humanity in a different attitude toward the spiritual aspect of life, for it enables every intelligent person to apprehend the revelation, and through the exercise of his reason to demonstrate it for himself. The comfort imparted by the conviction that as an ordinary commonplace individual one is yet able under every circumstance to say "Held in Thy law, I stand," is inestimable; it seems only possible to express it in symbolic language as the Psalmist did when he spoke of having been lifted out of slippery places and his feet set upon a rock.

The source of this comfort is found to be in the logical deduction that God's law must necessarily be always constructive in its activity, for if it could ever act destructively it would imply a state of conflict which must eventually destroy being—an unthinkable position. Therefore no matter how loudly the winds and waves may roar, the man who has gained this knowledge can face them fearlessly, knowing that there is no law behind them, but that they are simply the ragings of that carnal mind which is enmity against God, and that the steadfast adherence to the ever-operative law of good or God must still the tempest, as it did in Galilee, be that tempest mental, moral, or physical.

A Home Singing Class

"Once a week we had a singing class which met around our big dining table," says "Marion Harland" in her autobiography, recalling the scenes of her girlhood in Powhatan, Va. "My father led this, giving the key with his tuning fork, and now and then accompanying with his flute a hymn where his tenor was not needed.

"Those songful evenings were the dissipation of the week. A singing master, the leader of a Richmond choir, had had a school at the Court House the winter before, and the Boston Academy was in every house in the village. I could run glibly over the names of the regular attendants on the Tuesday evenings devoted to our

musical. . . . There were five sopranos—we called it 'the treble' then, and two women sang the 'second treble.' One weak-voiced neighbor helped father with the tenor. Until a year or two before the singing master invaded the country, women sang tenor, and the alto was known as the 'counter.'

"The Twentieth Century has not quite repudiated the tunes we delighted in those winter nights, when

"The fire, with hickory logs supplied, Went roaring up the chimney wide,"

and we lined both sides of the long table, lighted by tall sperm-oil lamps, and bent seriously happy faces over our books, singing with the spirit, and to the best of our ability with the understanding—Lanesboro' and Cambridge and Hebron and Boylston and Zion, and learning with puckered brows and steadfast eyes glued to the notes, such new tunes as Yarmouth, Anvern, and Zerah.

"Sing at it!" my father would command in heartsome tones, from his stand at the top of the double line. "You will never learn if you don't make the first trial."

"I arose to my feet the other day with the rest of the congregation of a fashionable church for a hymn which everybody was enjoined from the pulpit to sing. When the choir burst forth with

"Triumphant Zion! Lift thy head!" I dropped my head. . . . Were the words ever sung to any other tune than Anvern, I wonder?

"In the interval of singing we chatted, laughed, and were happy. How proud all we girls were, on one stormy night when the gathering was smaller than usual; and good-looking George—coloring to his ears, but resolute—sang the bass solo in the fourth line of Cambridge:

"Resound their Maker's praise!" Then the rest caught the words from his tongue and carried the tune to its conclusion.

"We sang until ten o'clock; then apples, nuts and cakes were brought in. An hour later we had the house to ourselves, and knelt for evening prayers about the fire before going to bed."

Content

Be it not mine to steal the cultured flower
From any garden of the rich and great.
Nor seek with care through many a weary hour
Some novel form of wonder to create.
Enough for me the leafy woods to rove,
And gather simple cups of morning dew.
Or in the fields and meadows that I love
Find beauty in their bells of every hue.

Thus round my cottage floats a fragrant air
And though the rustic plot be humbly laid,
Yet, like the lilies gladly growing there,
I have not toiled.
My Lord Ambition passed, and smiled in scorn:
I plucked a rose, and lo! it had no thorn.

—George John Romanes.

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EDITORIALS

Fifty Years of Alaska

ON MARCH 30, 1867, while a violent political storm was enveloping his Administration, as a result of disagreement in relation to reconstruction in the South, Andrew Johnson, seventeenth President of the United States, and immediate successor of Abraham Lincoln, communicated, in the form of a message to the House of Representatives and the Senate, the astonishing fact that a treaty had been negotiated with Russia under the terms of which all of that nation's possessions in North America might be acquired by the United States. The only formality necessary to the consummation of the convention was ratification by the Senate. At the time, almost any act in which President Johnson and his Cabinet might have had a hand would have failed to obtain the commendation of the "Radical Republican" majority in Congress, and the purchase of Russian America was at first put down as a characteristic Johnsonian misconception of the needs of the country.

The United States, it was held by critics of the Administration, already owned more land than it knew what to do with. Vast territories beyond the Missouri were undeveloped, almost unexplored. Some of them were practically inaccessible; money was even then being lavishly spent upon the construction of a railroad across the Continent, an enterprise which, it was thought, would be likely always to be a drain upon the treasury, in the hope of bringing the Eastern into regular connection with the far-distant Western portion of the Republic; a huge debt, piled up by the Civil War, was exacting heavy taxes from the people; the times were dull, and with it all came this "foolish" proposal to pay the "enormous" sum of \$7,200,000 for an uninhabited area, as it was termed, probably uninhabitable area at the end of the earth, which Russia would no doubt gladly have parted with for nothing!

While the attacks on the Russian-American purchase were aimed at President Johnson, they were felt most keenly by his Secretary of State, William H. Seward, to whom the acquisition of the Territory was the realization of a long-cherished dream. As a variant for the phrase, "Johnson's Foolishness," the transaction with Russia was sometimes called "Seward's Folly." Nevertheless, calmer reflection, and able and eloquent advocacy by Senator Charles Sumner of Massachusetts, brought about the ratification of the treaty. Toward the close of his speech, touching on the name of the newly acquired possession, Sumner said:

As these extensive possessions, constituting a corner of the Continent, pass from the Imperial Government of Russia they will naturally receive a new name. They will no longer be Russian America. How shall they be called? Clearly any name borrowed from classical history or individual invention will be little better than a misnomer, or a nickname unworthy of such an occasion. Even if taken from our own history it will be of doubtful taste. The name should come from the country itself. It should be indigenous, aboriginal, one of the autochthons of the soil. Happily, such a name exists, which is as proper in sound as in origin. It appears in the report of Cook, the illustrious navigator, to whom I have so often referred, that the euphonious name now applied to the peninsula which is the continental link of the Aleutian chain was the sole word used originally by the native islanders when speaking of the American Continent in general, which they knew perfectly well to be a great land. It only remains that, following these natives, whose places are now ours, we, too, shall call this great land Alaska.

And Alaska it was called. New Archangel, later known as Sitka, was the principal settlement under Russia. It long remained the principal settlement under the United States. Very little was heard of the Territory, after interest in its purchase subsided, until the gold discoveries on Klondike Creek, a tributary of the Yukon, on Aug. 16, 1896, or for nearly a generation after the signing of the treaty of purchase. Then there was a wild rush of prospectors, miners, and adventurers into the new country; villages, towns and cities sprang up over night, and within two years the Klondike region alone yielded more than \$10,000,000 in yellow metal. It is estimated that, to date, the mineral production of Alaska aggregates about \$350,000,000, but mine production constitutes but a single item in the Alaskan industrial account of the present day. A statement of the commerce of the Territory for one year, the last of which we have a full report, shows miscellaneous shipments, from the peninsula to the United States of a total value of \$27,039,470. This is exclusive of shipments of gold and silver worth \$20,035,894. The value of the salmon product alone for a single year is almost equal to three times the price paid for the country.

After the transfer of the peninsula to the United States, Alaska was organized as a noncontiguous possession. It was made a civil and judicial district on June 6, 1900, and was organized as a Territory on Aug. 24, 1912. Its present capital is Juneau, where, in March, its Legislature will assemble for the third biennial session. The population does not exceed 75,000. Development along private corporate lines was arrested a few years ago, and now awaits the construction of a Government railway system, and an allotment of lands which will insure the possession of the country's resources to settlers. The Territory is one of the naturally richest sections of the earth, and is the only possession of the Republic, thus far, that has been held sacred for the benefit of the people.

The Norwegian Budget

THE Norwegian budget for the coming year, which was recently submitted to the Storting, must be regarded as satisfactory in every way. For some time past, the Norwegian revenue has been larger than has been estimated; so that each working year shows a surplus income, as compared with expenses. Then, since the outbreak of the war, Norway, although she has suf-

fered many losses and, like all other neutrals, has had many difficulties to contend with, has, none the less, prospered financially and economically as a result of the struggle. Prices of imports have, of course, risen considerably, and this has inflicted hardship on certain sections of the community; but the greatly enhanced prices obtainable for exports, together with the enormous revenues which have been derived from shipping profits, have left the country as a whole very much better off than it was three years ago. The outstanding features of the budget are the comparatively large sums which have been expended on railway communications and education. In regard to the former, Norway has paid particular attention to this question, and the work of the State is being ably supplemented by the work of the municipalities. Roads and railways are being extended and improved, and a large part of the public debt is invested in these undertakings. As to education, it is interesting to note that, in spite of the present struggle, which extends to her very doors, Norway is spending almost as much upon education as upon her army.

Perhaps the most striking proof of the all-round prosperity of the country is afforded by the fact that Norway has funds to her credit which almost equal her own national debt. The United Kingdom and France have both issued loans in Norway amounting to kr.40,000,000 and kr.25,000,000, respectively; whilst Norwegian money to the amount of kr.350,000,000 is standing in British banks at comparatively high interest. The financial position thus disclosed is a remarkably sound one, and it is welcome to find that it is by no means wholly to be attributed to the special conditions brought about by the war. Good management and sound judgment in the matter of expenditure have long been characteristic features of Norwegian finance, and they have certainly not been lacking during the past two years.

General Lyautey's Work in Morocco

THE letter from M. Raymond Koechlin, published recently in the Paris Journal des Débats, in which he dealt with the remarkable work of General Lyautey in Morocco, has a special interest at the present time. M. Koechlin's letter was written before General Lyautey was summoned to Paris to take over the onerous duties of the French Minister of War; and it goes to show, in almost every line, why the General was chosen for his present high office.

Comparatively speaking, only very little has been heard of the military aspect of General Lyautey's work in Morocco. He has stood before the public, as no doubt he preferred to stand, as a great administrator, and as one who always desired to choose reform as a way to pacification rather than the sword. So the making of roads, the building of harbors, and the organization of great trade exhibitions and fairs have always figured prominently in the news from Morocco. The military accomplishments of the former Resident-General have, however, been little less remarkable than his civil achievements. On the first outbreak of the present struggle in Europe, there was a pronounced feeling in certain quarters in France that France ought to reduce her work in Morocco to a minimum; that she should be content with securing her various holds on the country, and not attempt anything in the nature of serious developments until after her tremendous work in Europe was accomplished. General Lyautey thought otherwise. He did not, however, make great demands on the Government at home for help. On the contrary, he permitted large numbers of men to be withdrawn from Morocco, whilst, with that curious genius which marks the great administrator, he succeeded in fashioning the tools wherewith to carry out his purpose from the material around him. He sent experienced officers back to France, and trained new ones. He employed territorial troops, established military stations all along the frontiers, and, especially in the south, placed outposts in all directions.

At the same time, he let it be clearly understood that his desire was, above all things, for peace and order, and that he only wished the native well. Force of arms was not resorted to, save when temporization was clearly a mistaken policy. Then when force had to be adopted, the operations were carried through with characteristic efficiency; whilst the whole military disposition was the work of a master hand. As M. Koechlin points out, in spite of the fact that border fighting has been going on incessantly since the beginning of the war, the unruly tribes have never been able to break through the rampart formed by the protecting troops, and the internal organization and development of the country have progressed without hindrance. Such a record, in the circumstances, is certainly remarkable.

Enforcement of the Poll-Tax Levy

NEW ORLEANS is congratulating herself, and she is to be congratulated by her less fortunate sister cities, because of her success in collecting the annual poll-tax levy. As the end of the last official year approached, those responsible for the financial affairs of that city underwent the usual apprehension that the year would show at least the average number of delinquents. But it appears that instead of maintaining or increasing the average, eleventh-hour payments brought the total up to almost 10,000 beyond the most sanguine expectations.

This condition of affairs, this apparent ability to deal with a perplexing municipal problem satisfactorily, must attract the attention of those cities where the percentage of delinquents, and the consequent loss of revenue to the municipal treasury, is larger than the percentage of receipts issued. Boston, as has been shown recently, stands near the head of the latter class of cities. Boston has, in the last twelve years, as has appeared, lost \$3,049,244 because of the failure to collect that amount of levied poll taxes. It would seem that the average citizen fails to hail as a patriotic privilege the duty of marching to the city treasury and depositing \$2, or even a smaller sum, annually, even when he is reasonably safe in

the assurance that he will derive at least corresponding benefits. But there may be cities in which this problem has not been solved in which those liable for the head tax seek to excuse themselves for their failure to pay upon the theory that they will not receive the corresponding benefits. Within recent years there has been much written, a great deal said, and something proved, regarding corrupt expenditures of money taken from the people under one or another of the different systems of taxation. One does not need to look far for excuses for those who do not pay their debts. They are prolific enough in these. But it may be that the motive which decides, where there is no strong incentive, or compelling legal or other reason why failure to pay cannot be considered, is the belief that the tax is an unnecessary burden, the failure to pay which will deprive the delinquent of no civil right or social protection.

Theoretically, in most states and cities, the right to vote can at least be challenged for failure to pay the annual head tax. In New Orleans this condition is much more than a theory. A male citizen there cannot vote until he is registered and has been provided with a registration certificate, and he cannot be registered without producing a poll-tax receipt. A citizen there is automatically disfranchised for two years in case of failure to pay, within the calendar year, the tax levied against him. His delinquency cannot be wiped out by subsequent payment, until the full two-year period has elapsed.

In circumstances such as those cited, the great majority of qualified electors would, no doubt, prefer to pay rather than suffer disfranchisement, no matter what their scruples or doubts regarding the right of the city to levy the tax, or the honesty and integrity of those charged with the duty of expending the money for the benefit of the public.

And yet it may, perhaps, be as reasonably maintained that regulations which tend to preclude those otherwise qualified to vote from exercising this privilege are not conducive to democratic government. But, sooner or later, it would seem, the conclusion must be reached that, in those cities and states where the levying of this tax is authorized, there must be regulations which will make its payment virtually unavoidable.

The Fascination of Politics

POLITICS comprise the greatest of all games in a democracy. In no other department of peaceful human activity is there so much scope for the display of leadership and generalship. Often in politics, millions are under the control of one man. Politics represent a game in which there is a part, and an interesting part, for everybody. Those who decry politics in a wholesale, sweeping way lose sight of the fact that, in a democracy, politics constitute a prime essential. Without politics there can be no party government; without party government there can be no effective expression of popular sentiment. The wise thing is not to underrate or in any way belittle politics, but, on the contrary, to strive for the improvement of political methods, and for the advancement of political ideals. Political activity is wholesome. In the United States it is no less everybody's privilege than it is every good citizen's duty to take an interest and play a part in the game of politics.

A prominent Western business man was once upbraided by some of his associates for giving so much of his attention and time to political affairs. It was held, by some of his friends, that politics became the business of politicians. "Not so," said the business man referred to. "Politics should be the business of the American citizen. If there is anything wrong in politics, you, who think yourself above politics, and not the politicians, are responsible for it. Politics should command the closest and most earnest attention of all worthy citizens, because politics are the source of power in a republic, and if the source be corrupt the Government is sure to be so."

There was another business man of equal prominence and clear-sightedness who, in like circumstances, said: "Yes, I like politics, and I'll tell you why; because it is something in which 99 per cent of the inhabitants of the United States are interested. Some people take to one thing, some to another, but all take to politics. Walk about the street and talk to Tom, Dick, and Harry. Tom will talk shop, Dick will talk golf, Harry will talk baseball; you can turn any one of them, in a twinkling, to talking politics."

There is, perhaps, no more experienced political observer and campaigner in the United States than Chauncey M. Depew, who is prominently identified with the New York Central Railroad. He has been in the thick of politics for half a century. He is as deeply interested today as ever in the greatest of games. Speaking in New York, one evening recently, he touched, eloquently as usual, upon what he called the fascination of politics in the best sense. "There is a general abuse of party organization and party leaders and bosses," he said, "but the prizes are so great in government, national, State, municipal and town, that politics will always attract a section of the public. This section of the public becomes expert and professional. They may occasionally drop into obscurity, but never into oblivion. We rarely consider that practically all we care for and all our opportunities for enjoyment or for success in life are dependent upon the Government which we make and control." And he added:

The study of the origin of parties in our own country and the lines upon which they have generally divided goes down to the very roots of our existence. It illustrates again the continuous power of masterful creative genius and the grip of the hand of statesmanship that cannot be loosened.

Dr. Depew was always a popular politician, because in the heat of a campaign he could believe, and he could, and often did, express the belief that, although the other side was utterly and hopelessly wrong, yet there was a possibility that it might be sincere. Also he could make as good a speech on election night in accepting defeat as he could in announcing victory. Like many others prominent in political activities in the United States, he did not, while "in the harness," hold to the conviction that

all good men were Republicans and all bad men Democrats. In short he was, and for that matter is yet, of the type that gets the most out of politics. When an election is pending it is a wholesome indication of national alertness and virility for the people to be aligned in opposition, for the worst thing that could come to a republic would be the indifference of the people to public affairs. When the election is in doubt it is a wholesome indication that the public is intensely interested in knowing the result. When the election is over it is a wholesome indication that the great mass of the people accept the result cheerfully and go about their usual occupations, forgetting, as speedily as possible, whatever may have occurred in the campaign to wound their sensibilities or to disappoint their expectations.

Notes and Comments

IN HIS interesting but curiously unequal book, "Great Victorians," published recently, T. H. S. Escott draws attention once again to the somewhat pedantic punctiliousness of both Lord Palmerston and Lord Granville in matters of detail. "Every department of State had, from Lord Granville's point of view," Mr. Escott writes, "its domestic idiosyncrasies. These, he thought, should be stamped upon its official arrangements down to the smallest detail. Herein he resembled Palmerston, who, on going to the Home Office in 1852, insisted on the dispatches being folded differently from the Foreign Office fashion. So Lord Granville, migrating to the Privy Council Office in 1853, introduced an entirely new ribbon for tying up papers."

MR. ESCOTT's style is an interesting survival. He is, of course, writing from an intimate, first-hand acquaintance with the period with which he is dealing, and it is, therefore, not surprising that he should, as one writer has expressed it, "glorify the style of the old Daily Telegraph," and make use of nearly all the catch phrases of the Victorians. Most of them are, however, banal enough from repetition. "The Rupert of debate," "the sage of Chelsea," and so on, are indeed, today, depreciated literary currency.

IT is officially estimated that there has been an increase of 150 per cent in the number of sailors among United States citizens since the beginning of the European war. If this increase continues, the calling of able seamen may regain something of the prominence in the country which it had in the days of clipper ships.

WHAT is the remedy for the vast accumulations of wealth that control the real estate of whole sections, and usually the choicest, of the great cities of the United States? The Chicago Tribune thinks that the imposition of an inheritance tax, so graduated that no family or group of families can ever accumulate so much property "as to destroy the fact of our republic" will solve the problem. It might help to do so, but does not the remedy really lie in the imposition of a single tax, and that on land values? If a better remedy is known it is time that it was being brought forward, for nothing is plainer than that a remedy is needed.

PEOPLE who live thousands of miles from Nevada will, for the next few months, keep a weather eye on the thriving little city of Reno, to watch the results which the present grand jury, three of the members of which are women, will achieve. These three women, from all accounts, stand high in the community. They are women who know what conditions are in their home city, and, it seems, brave enough to speak their convictions. If there are social conditions there, as in most cities, which need more thorough investigation and more light than they have received at the hands of the men, these will argue strongly for universal suffrage, and for better government, if the tacit policy of condoning those things which we refuse to see is forgotten.

THE memorandum signed by 135 members of the senate and sent to the vice-chancellor of Cambridge, recently, marks an incident in the life of the great English university which is likely to become historic. The memorandum urges the senate to take into consideration at once the changes likely to be necessitated after the war is over, and mentions the possibility of establishing a more economical standard of living. This question is, of course, especially interesting. In the Middle Ages, impecuniousness was regarded as an inevitable and honorable badge of studentship, and, whilst this is in the last degree undesirable, the great universities have for a long time past tended too much in the opposite direction. A university should, as far as possible, be available to all purses.

SOME of the great industrial concerns of the United States are obtaining options on the sand-dune region of Northern Indiana. It is said that 1500 acres passed into the possession of the Bethlehem Steel Company not long ago, and that another tract of 3000 acres has since come into the control of the same interests. Meanwhile the states of Indiana, Michigan, and Illinois are appealing to the Federal Government to make the sand-dune district a national park reservation. That is, they are losing valuable time, and perhaps a priceless opportunity, in striving to have the Nation do what they should do themselves. This looks like a case of "pork" and procrastination.

SOUTH AMERICA seems to be full of surprises. Not the least of these is the discovery, by a visitor, that the thousand newspapers of Brazil are, as a whole, singularly free from sensationalism. Whether this is because the Portuguese language does not readily lend itself to flaring headlines and exaggeration, or because the publishers have too much consideration for the intelligence of their readers to descend to "yellow" journalism, is not stated. The probabilities would, however, seem decidedly favorable to the latter theory.